

# Dynamics of the circumstellar gas in the Herbig Ae stars BF Orionis, SV Cephei, WW Vulpeculae and XY Persei

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**Abstract.** We present high resolution ( $\lambda/\Delta\lambda = 49\,000$ ) échelle spectra of the intermediate mass, pre-main sequence stars BF Ori, SV Cep, WW Vul and XY Per. The spectra cover the range 3800 – 5900 Å and monitor the stars on time scales of months and days. All spectra show a large number of Balmer and metallic lines with variable blueshifted and redshifted absorption features superimposed to the photospheric stellar spectra. Synthetic Kurucz models are used to estimate rotational velocities, effective temperatures and gravities of the stars. The best photospheric models are subtracted from each observed spectrum to determine the variable absorption features due to the circumstellar gas; those features are characterized in terms of their velocity,  $v$ , dispersion velocity,  $\Delta v$ , and residual absorption,  $R_{\max}$ . The absorption components detected in each spectrum can be grouped by their similar radial velocities and are interpreted as the signature of the dynamical evolution of gaseous clumps with, in most cases, solar-like chemical composition. This infalling and outflowing gas has similar properties to the circumstellar gas observed in UX Ori, emphasizing the need for detailed theoretical models, probably in the framework of the magnetospheric accretion scenario, to understand the complex environment in Herbig Ae (HAe) stars. WW Vul is unusual because, in addition to infalling and outflowing gas with properties similar to those observed in the other stars, it shows also transient absorption features in metallic lines with no obvious counterparts in the hydrogen lines. This could, in principle, suggest the presence of CS gas clouds with enhanced metallicity around WW Vul. The existence of such a metal-rich gas component, however, needs to be confirmed by further observations and a more quantitative analysis.

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## 1. Introduction

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Observations reveal that the dynamics of the circumstellar (CS) gaseous disks around intermediate mass, young main sequence

(MS) and pre-main sequence (PMS) stars is extremely complex. Variable absorption components detected in many lines of different elements and ions constitute good examples of such complexity. The kinematics and intensity strength of the absorption components contain relevant information on the physical properties of the gas. Further, their detailed characterization and analysis provide clues and constraints on plausible formation mechanisms as well as on theoretical scenarios describing the structure and nature of the CS gaseous disks.

The presence of metal-rich planetesimals in the young MS  $\beta$  Pic system has been inferred both observationally and theoretically in a long series of papers (e.g. Lagrange et al. 2000, and references therein). Summarizing, there are two main arguments on which this inference is based. Firstly, dust causing the far-IR excess and also seen in the  $\beta$  Pic disk images may be second generation material continuously replenished by collisions of large solid bodies or slow evaporation. Secondly, transient spectral line absorptions, usually redshifted, of different chemical species in a wide range of ionization states can be modelled in terms of the evaporation of km-sized bodies on star-grazing orbits. Star-grazing planetesimals have also been suggested to exist in the 51 Oph system, a star with an uncertain evolutionary status (Roberge et al. 2002; van den Ancker et al. 2001); also, blueshifted absorption in excited fine structure lines of C II\* at 1037 Å and N II\* at 1085 and 1086 Å have been used to infer the presence of  $\sim 1$  m bodies in the Vega-type binary MS system  $\sigma$  Her (Chen & Jura 2003).

Absorption features similar to those observed in  $\beta$  Pic have been observed towards many HAe stars (see Natta et al. 2000 for the description of these stars as a subgroup of HAeBe stars), particularly in the UXOR-subclass (e.g. Grady et al. 1996) and, by analogy, they have been interpreted as indicative of the presence of large solid bodies in the CS disks around these PMS stars (e.g. Grady et al. 2000, and references therein). In principle, this interpretation is not in conflict with the accepted time scale for the formation of planetesimals of  $\sim 10^4$  yr (Beckwith et al. 2000), which suggests that planetesimals should already be present during the PMS phase of stars ( $\sim 1\text{--}10$  Myr). This explanation for the variable absorption features observed in HAe stars is, however, controversial and, in fact, Grinin et al. (1994) pointed out other alternatives, more concretely dissipation of dust clouds and the simultaneous infall of cool gas onto the star. Natta et al. (2000) have analyzed the chemical composition of a strong redshifted event in UX Ori and shown it to have a solar-like composition. Instead of the planetesimal origin for the transient components, those authors suggested gas accretion from a CS disk. This result is supported by Mora et al. (2002, from now on Paper I) who presented the analysis of a large series of high resolution optical spectra of UX Ori. Many variable absorption events in hydrogen and metallic lines were attributed to the dynamical evolution of gaseous clumps with non metal-rich, roughly solar chemical compositions. In addition, Beust et al. (2001) have shown that the  $\beta$  Pic infalling planetesimal model would not produce detectable absorptions in typical PMS HAe CS conditions. We also note that dust disks around HAe stars are primordial and can be explained in the context of irradiated PMS CS disk models (Natta et al. 2001).

In this paper we present high resolution spectra of the HAe stars BF Ori, SV Cep, WW Vul and XY Per and perform an analysis similar to that carried out for UX Ori (Paper I). The spectra show very active and complex CS gas in these objects; many transient absorption features in hydrogen and metallic lines are detected, indicating similar properties of the gas around these stars to those of UX Ori CS gas. In addition, the spectra of WW Vul show metallic features without obvious hydrogen counterparts; in this sense, this star presents a peculiar behaviour. The layout of the paper is as follows: Section 2 presents a brief description of the observations. Section 3 presents the results and an analysis of the photospheric spectra and the CS contribution. Section 4 presents a short discussion on the kinematics and strength of the variable features, and on the metallic events detected in WW Vul. Finally, Sect. 5 gives some concluding remarks.

## 2. Observations

High resolution échelle spectra were collected with the Utrecht Échelle Spectrograph (UES) at the 4.2 m WHT (La Palma observatory) during four observing runs in May, July and October 1998 and January 1999. 28 spectra were obtained: 4 of BF Ori, 7 of SV Cep, 8 of WW Vul and 9 of XY Per (XY Per is a visual binary sistem with a Herbig Ae primary and a B6Ve secondary separated by 1.4'', the good seeing during the observations allowed us to fully separate both components, in this paper only the HAe primary star has been studied). The wavelength range was 3800–5900 Å and the spectral resolution,  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda = 49\,000$  ( $6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Wavelength calibration was performed using Th-Ar arc lamp spectra. Typical errors of the wavelength calibration are  $\sim 5$  times smaller than the spectral resolution. The observing log, exposure times and signal to noise ratio (SNR) values, measured at  $\lambda \simeq 4680$  Å, are given in Table 1. Further details of the observations and reduction procedure are given by Mora et al. (2001). For some spectra there are simultaneous optical photo-polarimetric and near-IR photometric observations (Oudmaijer et al. 2001; Eiroa et al. 2001). Table 1 also presents these simultaneous data. At the time of the observations the stars were close to their brightest state, BF Ori and XY Per, or at average brightness, SV Cep and WW Vul (Herbst & Shevchenko 1999; Eiroa et al. 2002).

## 3. Analysis of the spectra and results

### 3.1. The photospheric spectra

Circumstellar absorptions with complex profiles and blended components are detected in hydrogen and metallic lines in all UES spectra of the four stars. The analysis of those spectral features requires the subtraction of the underlying photospheric spectra. Such subtraction is carried out following the method outlined in detail in Paper I. Briefly, Kurucz (1993) model atmospheres are used to synthesize photospheric spectra. Four parameters are estimated: the heliocentric radial velocity ( $v_r$ ), the rotation velocity ( $v \sin i$ ), the effective temperature ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ) and the surface gravity ( $\log g$ ). It has been shown by Grinin et al. (2001) that the photospheric lines of BF Ori

**Table 1.** EXPORT UES/WHT observing logs of BF Ori, SV Cep, WW Vul and XY Per. The Julian date ( $-2\,450\,000$ ) of each spectrum is given in Col. 1. Column 2 shows the exposure time in seconds. Column 3 gives the SNR at  $\lambda \approx 4680$  Å. Columns 4 to 6 give simultaneous  $V$ , % $P_V$  and  $K$  photopolarimetric data, where available. Typical errors are 0.10 in  $V$ , 0.05 in  $K$  and 0.1% in % $P_V$ .

<b>BF Ori</b>					
Julian date	t <sub>exp</sub> (s)	SNR	$V$	% $P_V$	$K$
1112.6324	1800	280	9.65	0.56	7.91
1113.6515	2700	190	9.79	0.75	7.85
1209.5542	2700	210	—	—	7.76
1210.4571	2700	280	—	0.14	—

<b>SV Cep</b>					
Julian date	t <sub>exp</sub> (s)	SNR	$V$	% $P_V$	$K$
950.6668	1800	100	—	—	—
950.6893	1800	120	—	—	—
1025.6260	2700	140	—	0.96	—
1025.6595	1800	130	—	—	—
1026.6684	2700	140	—	—	—
1113.4730	2700	70	11.01	1.05	—
1209.3372	2700	170	—	—	—

<b>WW Vul</b>					
Julian date	t <sub>exp</sub> (s)	SNR	$V$	% $P_V$	$K$
950.6176	1800	130	—	—	—
950.6413	1800	130	10.89	0.69	—
951.6232	1800	120	—	—	—
951.6465	1800	150	—	—	—
1023.5186	1800	140	—	—	7.37
1023.5423	2700	190	—	0.40	—
1112.3689	1800	110	10.77	0.37	7.44
1113.3958	2700	120	11.03	0.65	7.50

<b>XY Per</b>					
Julian date	t <sub>exp</sub> (s)	SNR	$V$	% $P_V$	$K$
1024.6728	1800	200	—	—	—
1024.6967	1800	170	9.04	1.49	—
1025.6948	1800	230	—	1.55	—
1025.7171	1800	270	—	—	—
1026.7065	1800	220	—	—	—
1112.4978	1800	270	9.12	1.65	5.97
1113.5483	2700	230	9.05	1.53	5.99
1207.3786	2700	190	—	—	—
1209.3844	1800	260	9.51	1.58	6.18

and WW Vul can be well reproduced using solar metallicity synthetic spectra. On the other hand, the presence of CS components in most of the lines makes it very difficult to carry out a detailed abundance analysis. We have thus decided to assume that the four stars have solar metallicities. The atomic line data have been obtained from the VALD database (Kupka et al. 1999). The ‘best’ synthetic model, defined by the parameters listed before, is selected by comparing some appropriate faint photospheric absorption lines among the observed spectra and the synthetic ones. This is not straightforward because each star behaves differently, and the choice of pure photospheric

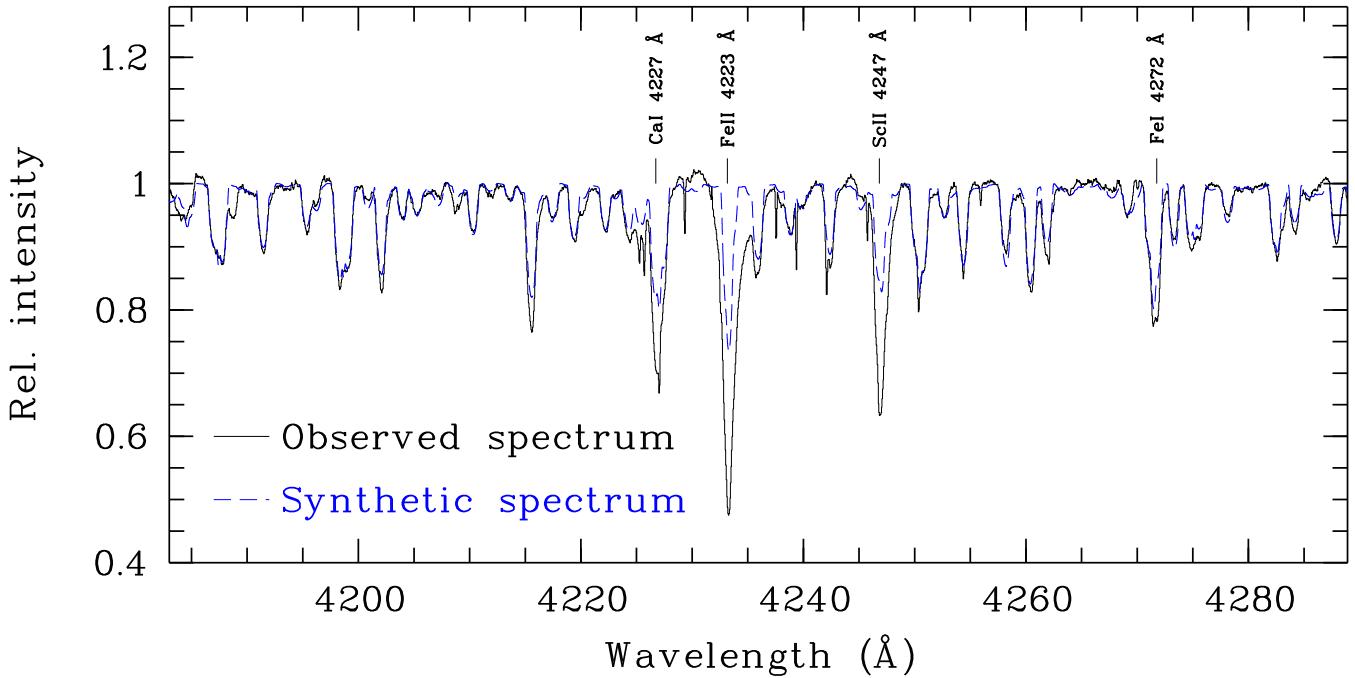
**Table 2.** Stellar parameters defining the ‘best’ synthetic Kurucz models for each star. See Sect. 3.1 for a discussion on the uncertainties of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$  and  $v \sin i$ .

Star	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$\log g$	$v \sin i$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$v_r$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )
BF Ori	8750	3.5	37	$23.1 \pm 1.9$
SV Cep	10000	4.0	225	$-11.9 \pm 0.8$
WW Vul	9000	4.0	210	$-10.4 \pm 1.2$
XY Per	8500	3.5	200	$8.3 \pm 0.6$

lines in the spectra of such highly variable objects is not trivial. Therefore, slightly different, ad-hoc approaches for each star are needed. These approaches are discussed below and the stellar parameters giving the best synthetic spectra are given in Table 2. They are compatible within the uncertainties with the spectral types and rotational velocities quoted by Mora et al. (2001) and with the results by Grinin et al. (2001), who studied BF Ori and WW Vul.

*BF Ori:* The photospheric lines are narrow and do not show a noticeable variability.  $v_r$  is estimated using faint photospheric lines and its rms error is low. Estimated errors are 250 K for  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (the step in the synthetic spectrum grid created using Kurucz’s models), and 6 km s<sup>-1</sup> for  $v \sin i$  (the spectral resolution); the  $\log g$  values considered have been restricted to 3.5 and 4.0. Fig. 1 shows the excellent agreement between the synthetic model and the observed median spectrum. The extra absorption seen in the stronger lines is due to the circumstellar contribution.

*SV Cep:* According to Finkenzeller & Jankovics (1984) the radial velocity of HAe stars coincides within a few km s<sup>-1</sup> with the radial velocity of interstellar (IS) lines. The strong Na I D IS components in the line of sight of SV Cep allow us to determine a precise value of the radial velocity of this star. Its high temperature, rotation velocity and variability make it extremely difficult to identify photospheric lines in order to derive the Kurucz stellar parameters. We have circumvented this problem by using the EXPORT intermediate resolution spectra (Mora et al. 2001), which have very high quality H $\alpha$  profiles and are of great help in making a first estimate of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\log g$ . From the H $\alpha$  wings and the almost complete absence of weak photospheric lines in the high resolution spectra,  $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 10\,000$  K and  $\log g = 4.0$  are estimated. It was assumed that  $v \sin i = 206$  km s<sup>-1</sup> (Mora et al. 2001). The adequacy of this choice can be seen in Fig. 2, where the observed median SV Cep H $\alpha$  line and 2 synthetic Balmer profiles ( $T_{\text{eff}} = 10\,000$  K,  $\log g = 4.0$ ,  $v \sin i = 206$  km s<sup>-1</sup> and  $T_{\text{eff}} = 10\,000$  K,  $\log g = 3.5$ ,  $v \sin i = 206$  km s<sup>-1</sup>) are shown. Using those values we have identified 7 blends of weak photospheric lines (absorption intensities  $\leq 4\%$  of the continuum) with very low variability. The blends are at  $\sim 3913$ , 4129, 4176, 4314, 4534, 5041 and 5056 Å. A grid of photospheric spectra has been generated with different values of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $v \sin i$  ( $\log g$  was assumed to be 4.0 from the H $\alpha$  analysis) and the rms differences between the synthetic and observed spectra have been estimated. The lowest rms difference is obtained for  $T_{\text{eff}} = 10\,000$  K and  $v \sin i = 225$  km s<sup>-1</sup>. The differences between the H $\alpha$  wing profiles broadened to

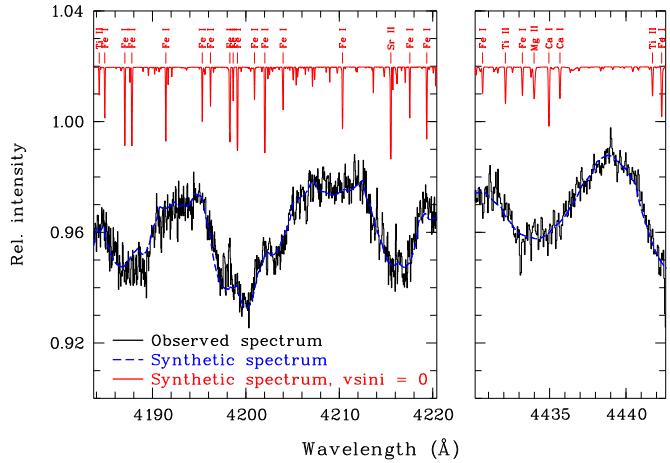


**Fig. 1.** Synthetic (dashed line) vs observed spectrum (solid line) for BF Ori. The agreement between the photospheric and the observed median spectrum is remarkable over a large wavelength range. The extra absorption in the stronger lines (identified in the figure) is due to the circumstellar contribution. This example illustrates the need to use very faint lines to estimate the stellar parameters. (This figure is available in color in electronic form)

$v \sin i = 225 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $v \sin i = 206 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  are negligible, so it was not needed to compute  $\log g$  again. Fig. 2 also shows the best synthetic and the observed median spectra for the selected blends. Uncertainties of  $\sim 500 \text{ K}$  (the step of the Kurucz's models) and  $\sim 10\%$  for  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $v \sin i$ , respectively, are estimated.

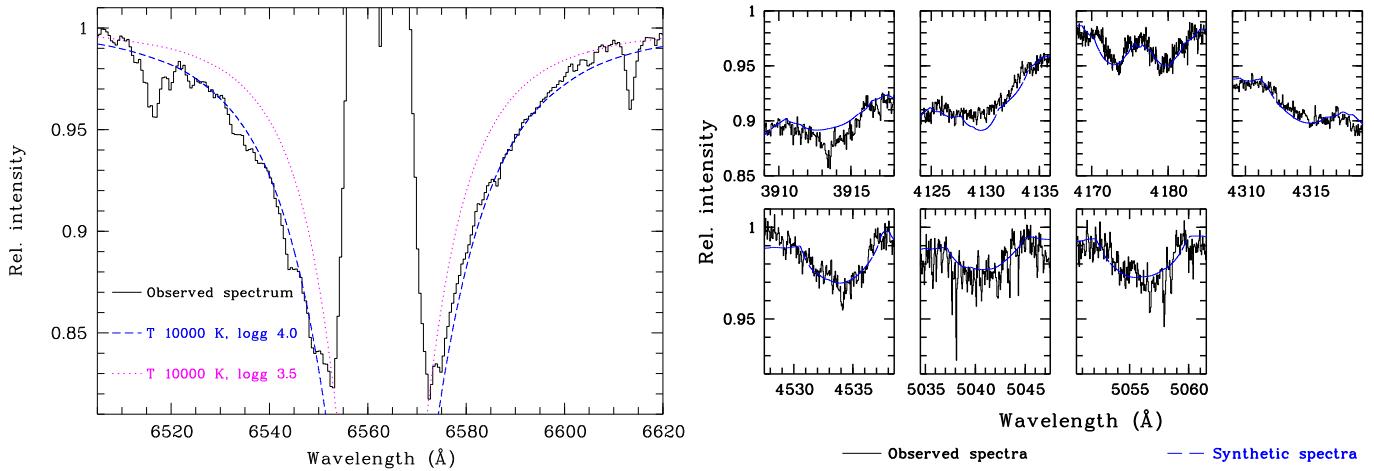
**WW Vul:**  $v_r$  is estimated from the sharp Na I D IS lines. The star was very active during the observing runs and its spectra show a large number of broad and variable absorption features, e.g. redshifted features are superimposed on practically each photospheric line in the JD 1113.40 spectrum, which pose severe difficulties for the selection of appropriate photospheric lines. Nevertheless  $v \sin i$  has been estimated with the Mg II 4481 Å blended doublet. Many pairs of  $T_{\text{eff}} - \log g$  values can reproduce the observed spectra, though the agreement between the observed and synthetic spectra is generally poor. We have selected  $T_{\text{eff}} = 9000 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log g = 4.0$  as representative of the WW Vul photosphere because of its compatibility with the results by Mora et al. (2001), though large errors are likely, but not larger than around 10% in both  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $v \sin i$ . Fig. 3 shows a comparison between the observed median spectrum and the broadened synthetic one in two spectral regions where a good fit is achieved; this figure also shows the unbroadened Kurucz's model with some line identifications.

**XY Per:**  $v_r$  is estimated from the Na I D IS components. The photospheric lines are very broad but the high SNR of the spectra and the relatively low  $T_{\text{eff}}$  allow us to identify a large number of faint line blends in order to perform a precise estimate of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$  and  $v \sin i$  (16 faint blends with absorption intensities  $\leq 8\%$  of the continuum with very little CS activity could be identified). Errors of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\log g$  are of the order

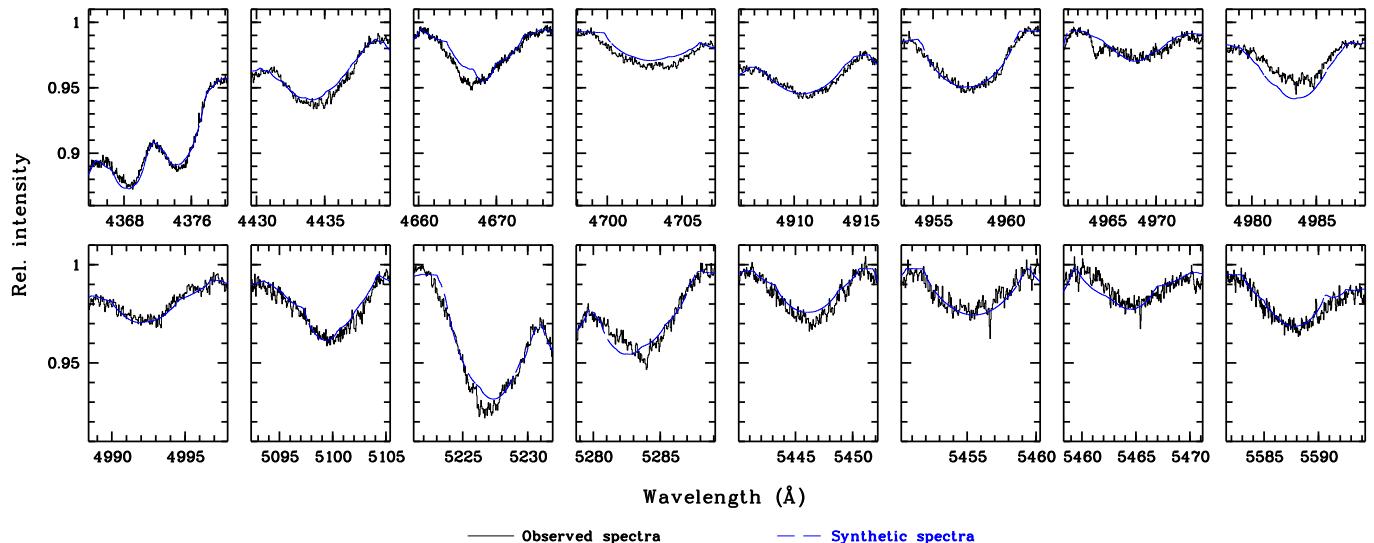


**Fig. 3.** The observed median UES spectrum of WW Vul (black continuous line) compared to the broadened synthetic one (blue dashed lines) in two different spectral regions. At the top of the figure, the unbroadened Kurucz model is shown with some line identifications (red solid line). (This figure is available in color in electronic form)

of the step in the Kurucz models, 250 K and 0.5 respectively, while the error in  $v \sin i$  is very low,  $< 10\%$ . The comparison between the synthetic and the observed median spectra of the 16 blends is shown in Fig. 4.



**Fig. 2.** Synthetic vs observed spectra for SV Cep. Left: comparison of the intermediate resolution H $\alpha$  spectrum and two synthetic H $\alpha$  profiles. The best result is obtained for T<sub>eff</sub> = 10 000 K and log g = 4.0 (blue dashed line). It was assumed that  $v \sin i = 206$  km s $^{-1}$  (Mora et al. 2001). Right: Median UES spectra (solid lines) of several blends compared with the best synthetic spectra, with T<sub>eff</sub> = 10 000 K,  $v \sin i = 225$  km s $^{-1}$  (blue dashed lines). (This figure is available in color in electronic form)



**Fig. 4.** Synthetic (dashed lines) vs observed median (continuous lines) spectra of XY Per for 16 spectral features with very low CS contribution. The stellar parameters of the synthetic spectrum are given in Table 2. (This figure is available in color in electronic form)

### 3.2. The circumstellar transient absorption contribution

Once the best photospheric spectrum of each star is determined, the circumstellar contribution to each observed spectrum can be estimated by subtracting the synthetic one. The residual spectra show transient absorption features, which can be characterized by means of the normalized residual absorption, defined as  $R = 1 - F_{\text{obs}}/F_{\text{syn}}$  (Natta et al. 2000). The  $R$  profile of each line reflects the blending of several components. A multigaussian fit providing the radial velocity, velocity dispersion and absorption strength is used to identify the individual components (see Paper I, for details). Broad redshifted and blueshifted absorptions at different radial velocities are found in the Balmer and metallic lines for all 4 stars analyzed. We apply the multigaussian fit to Balmer lines (H $\beta$  4861 Å, H $\gamma$  4340 Å, H $\delta$  4102 Å, H $\epsilon$  3970 Å, H $\zeta$  3889 Å), Ca II K 3934 Å, Ca II H 3968 Å, Na I D2

5890 Å and Na I D1 5896 Å, as well as to fainter metallic lines Fe II 42 multiplet (a6S-z6Po triplet: 4924 Å, 5018 Å and 5169 Å), Ti II 4444 Å, Ti II 4572 Å, Fe I 4046 Å, Sc II 4247 Å and Ca I 4227 Å. We have chosen these ionic lines because they show significant CS variability and are relatively strong and isolated. Narrow IS components (mainly Na I, Ca II and Fe II) with the stellar radial velocity are also detected for all the stars.

Consecutive spectra with a time delay of  $\sim$ 1 hour of SV Cep, XY Per and WW Vul were taken on several nights (see Table 1). These spectra were quite similar and the gaussian deconvolution of the  $R$  profiles essentially provides the same values for the fit parameters; thus, any significant variation of the phenomena causing the transient absorptions is excluded on this time scale, at least during these observing periods. This result gives us confidence in the identification of the compo-

nents and allows us to add the spectra taken during the same night in order to increase the SNR. Tables 6, 7, 8 and 9, available at the CDS, give the radial velocity shift  $v$ , the velocity dispersion  $\Delta v$  and the absorption strength  $R_{\max}$ , the peak of the  $R$  profile, of each identified broad transient absorption component of the lines listed above for BF Ori, SV Cep, WW Vul and XY Per, respectively. Column 1 gives the corresponding Balmer or metallic line, Col. 2 gives the Julian Date, Col. 3 represents the event assigned to the particular absorptions, Col. 4 gives the radial velocity shift  $v$ , Col. 5 lists the velocity dispersion  $\Delta v$  and Col. 6 gives the absorption strength  $R_{\max}$ . JD values in Tables 7, 8 and 9 correspond to the starting time of the first spectrum of each night. In the following, whenever a JD is given, 2450 000 is subtracted.

Tables 6, 7, 8 and 9 show that absorption components with similar radial velocities appear/disappear simultaneously in different lines, as is observed in UX Ori (Paper I). We assume that absorptions with similar velocities come from the same gaseous clump, which can be characterized by an average radial velocity  $\langle v \rangle$  (a Transient Absorption Component or TAC). The time evolution of the TACs' velocity is referred to as an event and represents the dynamical evolution of the gaseous clumps. We point out that there is an uncertainty in identifying TACs detected on different nights with the same gaseous clump; our assumption relies on the UX Ori results (Paper I, see also below). Figs. 5, 7, 9 and 11 plot  $\langle v \rangle$  of the identified TAC versus JD.  $\langle v \rangle$  is a weighted average in which the lines H $\beta$ , H $\gamma$ , H $\delta$ , Ca II K, Fe II 4924 Å and Fe II 5018 Å have an arbitrarily assigned weight of 1 because of their higher intensity and non-blended nature. A weight of 1/2 is also arbitrarily assigned to the remaining lines in order to reflect that they are either blended (H $\epsilon$ , Ca II H and Fe II 5169 Å), weak (Sc II 4247 Å, Fe I 4046 Å and Ca I 4227 Å) or affected by telluric lines (Na I D2 & D1). The weighted number of lines used in each average, which can be fractional because of the 1/2 weights, is plotted next to each point. The TACs have been grouped according to the event they represent; thus, the figures show the dynamical evolution of the gaseous clumps. Note that some events were only detected once (only one TAC). Figs. 6, 8, 10 and 12 show the  $R$  profiles of some selected lines for the four stars. The line absorption components and the corresponding event identifications are indicated. The lines are H $\beta$ , Ca II K (except for BF Ori), Na I D2, Na I D1 and Fe II 5018 Å. H $\gamma$  is shown for WW Vul (Fig. 10) since H $\beta$  has a large underlying emission. The results for each star are presented in the following.

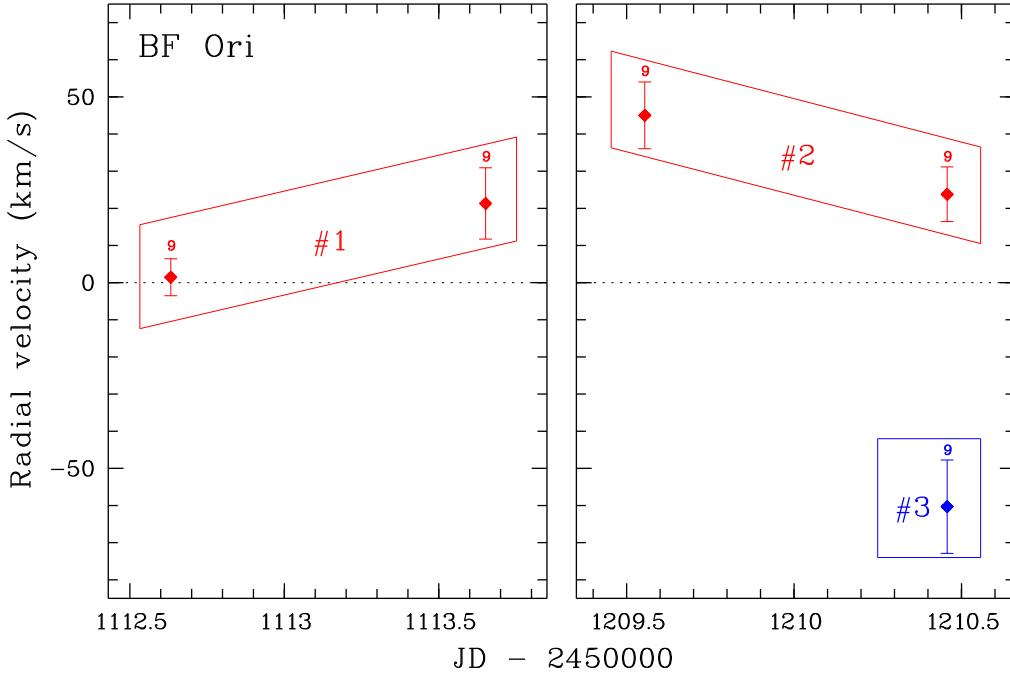
**BF Ori:** 5 TACs grouped in 3 different events were detected in the spectra of BF Ori (Fig. 5). Event #1 is an accelerating redshifted event, first detected in the JD 1112.63 spectrum at approximately the stellar radial velocity. Absorbing gas is seen in Balmer and metallic lines of Na I, Fe II, Ti II, Sc II, and Ca I. The strongest H I lines (H $\beta$ , H $\gamma$  and H $\delta$ ) appear to be saturated, i.e.  $R_{\max}$  is very close to unity, and the metallic lines are also very strong. The Balmer lines are broader than the metallic ones. The parameters of at least some of these lines might be influenced by IS gas absorption (a careful look at the Na I D lines shows the presence of two peaks in the JD 1113.65 spectrum, Fig. 6). The velocity dispersion of the lines tends to be larger when the event increases its velocity, while  $R_{\max}$  val-

ues tend to decrease, though changes are modest. Event #2 is a strong redshifted decelerating event; the behaviour of its TACs is in general similar to those of #1. #3 represents blueshifted gas only detected in the last night of January 99 and is fainter than the redshifted ones. The  $R_{\max}$  values of the Balmer lines are low, but they might be saturated, because  $R_{\max}$  does not appear to decrease as we follow the series in what will be called the “expected Balmer decreasing trend” for optically thin gas ( $R_{\max}(\text{H}\beta) > R_{\max}(\text{H}\gamma) > R_{\max}(\text{H}\delta) > R_{\max}(\text{H}\zeta)$ ); also the relative intensity of the metallic lines with respect to the H I ones seems to be lower.

The Ca II K line has non-photospheric profiles with the simultaneous presence of redshifted and blueshifted components, but their radial velocities do not match the absorptions observed in other lines (except the blueshifted TAC in JD 1210.45).

**SV Cep:** Broad absorptions of H I, Ca II, Na I and Fe II are detected in the spectra of SV Cep, but no variability is found in Ti II, Sc II, Fe I and Ca I (unlike the other stars in the paper). The broad absorptions represent 10 TACs grouped in 8 different events: 3 of them correspond to outflowing gas and the remaining 5 to infalling gas (Figs. 7 and 8). Blueshifted gas shows small radial velocities, on average  $\leq 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , while redshifted components display velocities as high as  $160 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Only one spectrum was taken in May 98, October 98 and January 99, i.e. the events of these periods are composed of 1 TAC only: these data represent isolated snapshots of the CS gas around SV Cep and no temporal evolution can be inferred from them. The 4 TACs detected in July 98 can be grouped in two events: #3 corresponds to redshifted gas with practically constant radial velocity, and #4 is gas observed at a velocity close to the stellar radial velocity or slightly blueshifted. In general, the  $R_{\max}$  values of the Balmer lines show the expected Balmer decreasing trend and are broader and much stronger than the metallic lines,  $R_{\max}(\text{H}\delta)/R_{\max}(\text{Fe II}) > 3$ . There are, however, some exceptions. #1 shows relatively strong Fe II and it is not clear that the Balmer lines show the expected decreasing trend. In #5 the H I lines are not broader than the Fe II ones, and the Balmer lines are probably saturated (but note that this event is very faint, and it could be an overinterpretation of the fit procedure). The strongest H I lines are saturated in #7 and also in the JD 1026.66 spectrum of #3. There are anticorrelated changes in the  $\Delta v$  and  $R_{\max}$  values of #3, but they show the same trend in #4.

**WW Vul:** 15 TACs grouped in 9 different events are identified in the 5 spectra of WW Vul (Figs. 9 and 10). 4 events are seen in May 98. #1 is redshifted gas with saturated Balmer lines and strong Fe II lines. Both H I and Fe II lines have similar  $\Delta v$  and from one TAC to another  $R_{\max}$  and  $\Delta v$  show opposite trends. #2 corresponds to low velocity blueshifted gas clearly detected in the metallic lines but no counterpart in the hydrogen lines is apparent (see the Fe II 5018 Å line in Fig. 10). #3 and #4 are blueshifted accelerating events. The only spectrum of July 98 (JD 1023.51) reveals 3 TACs: #5 is a broad,  $\Delta v > 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , redshifted event only detected in metallic lines (the broad wing of the Fe II 5018 Å line profile in Fig. 10). #6 is a very low velocity blueshifted component ( $v \approx -5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ); this event is significantly broader in the H I lines (which are sat-



**Fig. 5.** Events in BF Ori. Each point corresponds to the radial velocity of one TAC and represents the average velocity  $\langle v \rangle$  of the absorptions with similar radial velocities detected in different lines.  $\langle v \rangle$  is a weighted average in which the higher intensity non-blended lines are assigned a weight of 1 and the rest 1/2. Error bars show the rms error of the average velocity; the numbers above the data points indicate the weighted number of lines used to estimate the average. Fractional numbers arise from the 1/2 weight attributed to some lines (see text). Redshifted events (infalling gas) are printed in red colour, while blueshifted events (outflowing gas) are in blue. (This figure is available in color in electronic form)

urared) than in the metallic ones (the IS contribution cannot be separated from this low velocity event). #7 is a relatively narrow blueshifted event only detected in metallic lines and is clearly distinguished as a peak in the line profiles. Again, metallic redshifted absorptions at  $v \approx 90 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  without H I counterpart are detected on JD 1112.36 (October 98). Similar metallic absorptions are also detected on JD 1113.39, but on this date saturated hydrogen components with basically the same kinematic parameters (including the velocity dispersion) are present. We tentatively identify both TACs with the same event, #8, although we cannot exclude the possibility that the metallic absorptions detected on each date could be due to different gas. Finally, #9 is a strong, redshifted, decelerating event, identified in H I and in many metallic lines. In this case, the hydrogen lines are considerably broader than the metallic ones. The H I lines seem saturated on the first night, while on the second one the expected Balmer decreasing trend is observable and on both nights the Fe II lines are relatively strong.

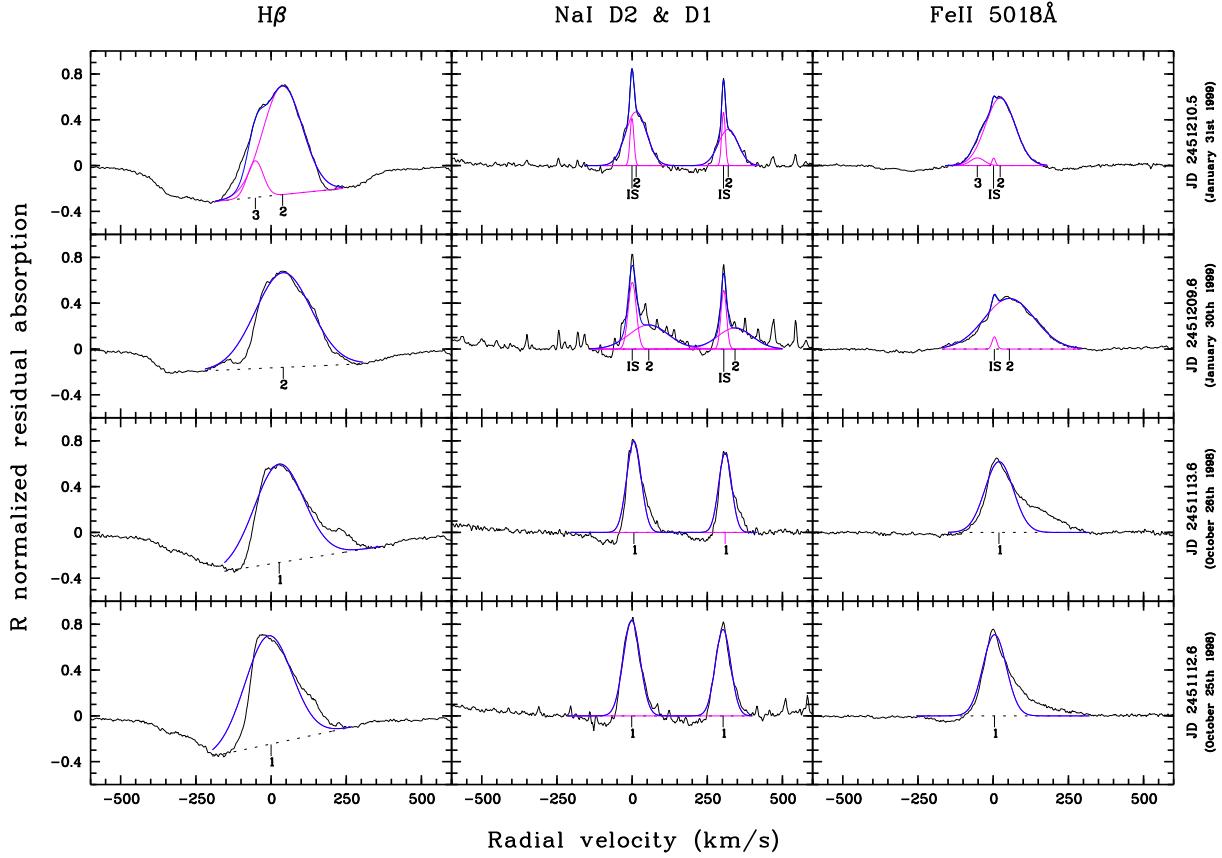
**XY Per:** 16 TACs grouped in 9 different events are detected in the 7 XY Per spectra. #1 is a faint redshifted event detected on the last two (out of three) July 98 nights. #2 corresponds to blueshifted accelerating gas; all three TACs of this event are strong and broad. #3 corresponds to a relatively narrow and faint blueshifted event only detected on JD 1025.69. #4 is also a narrow and faint event, centered at approximately the stellar radial velocity, only detected on JD 1026.71; IS absorption could contribute to the metallic  $R_{\max}$  values. #5 represents decelerating redshifted gas. #6 is a strong redshifted event only detected

on JD 1112.49. #7 corresponds to decelerating blueshifted gas; the expected Balmer decreasing trend is clearly present in both TACs and metallic lines are very strong. Both  $\Delta v$  and  $R_{\max}$  increase very significantly from JD 1112.49 to JD 1113.55. #8 is decelerating redshifted gas detected on January 98 (note that the time interval between the two TACs grouped in this event is 48 hours); in both TACs the metallic lines are very broad and strong: Fe II lines are even broader and stronger than the Balmer ones which are faint and seem saturated. Finally, #9 represents accelerating blueshifted gas.

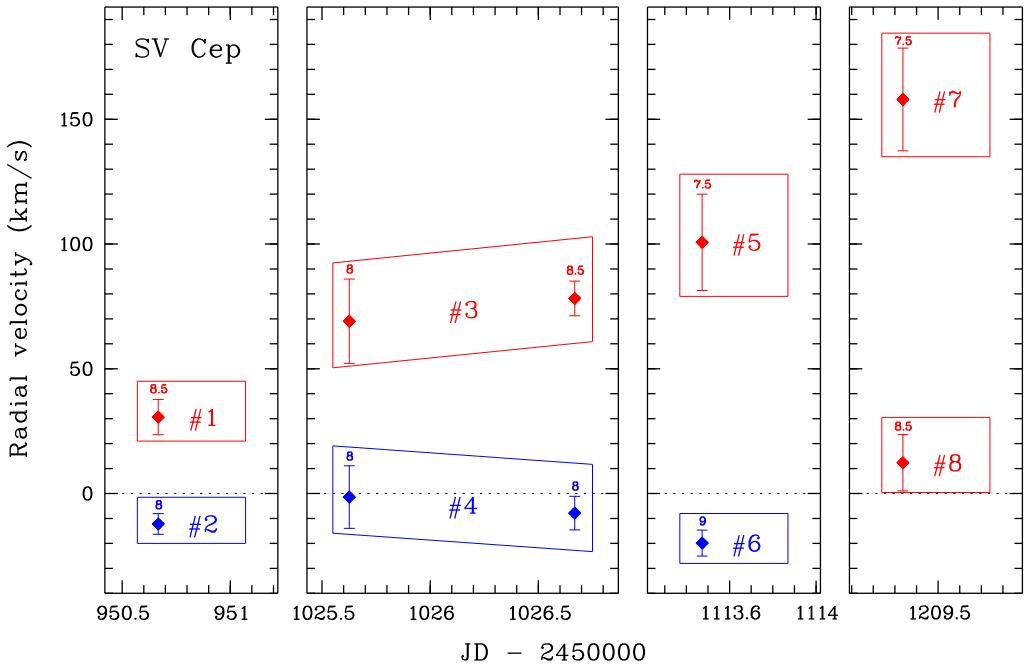
#### 4. Discussion

The objects studied in this work and UX Ori are very much alike. All are PMS HAe stars. UX Ori, BF Ori and WW Vul are bona fide UXOR-type objects (e.g. Grinin 2000), i.e. their light curves show high-amplitude variability ( $\Delta m > 2.0$  mag), Algol-like minima, a blueing effect and an increase of the polarization when the object brightness decreases. SV Cep also shows UXOR characteristics (Rostopchina et al. 2000; Oudmaijer et al. 2001). Further data are required before XY Per can be confidently classed as a UXOR-type object (Oudmaijer et al. 2001), although it does share the same complex and variable spectroscopic behaviour of the other stars.

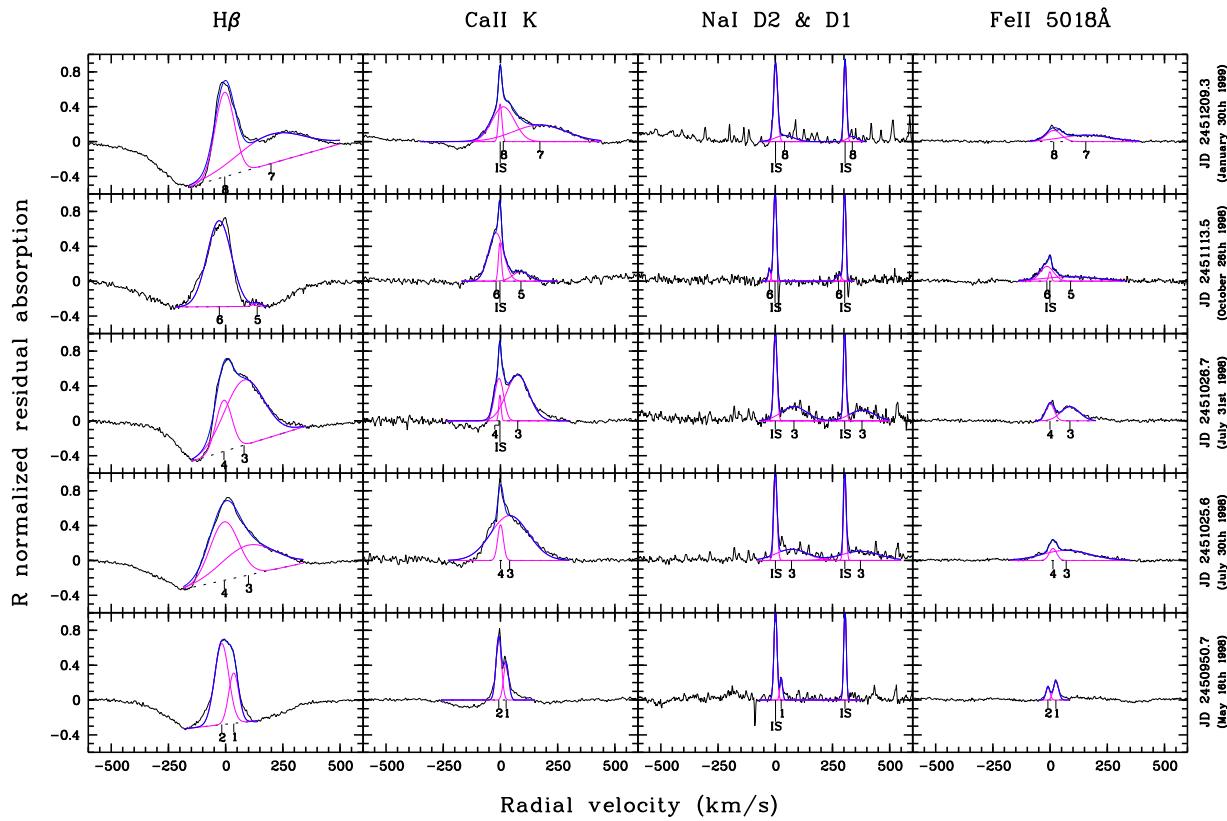
The time covered by the UX Ori spectra allowed us to analyze and identify the TACs as due to the dynamical evolution of gaseous moving clumps; this identification and dynamical evolution was particularly convincing in the case of a clump detected in four spectra taken within a time interval of four



**Fig. 6.** BF Ori  $R$  profiles. The normalized residual absorption profiles ( $R = 1 - F_{\text{obs}} / F_{\text{syn}}$ ) of  $\text{H}\beta$  (left),  $\text{NaI D2}$  and  $\text{D1}$  (middle) and  $\text{Fe II} 5018 \text{ \AA}$  (right) are shown in the figure (black colour). The corresponding spectra are indicated in the vertical right axis (Julian and civilian epochs). The identified TACs (gaussian components, pink colour) and the reconstructed  $R$  profile fit (blue colour) are displayed. Event numbers are shown under the gaussians. The zero velocity interstellar components are marked as “IS”. (This figure is available in color in electronic form)



**Fig. 7.** Events in SV Cep. Details as for Fig. 5 (This figure is available in color in electronic form)



**Fig. 8.** SV Cep  $R$  profiles. Details as for Fig 6. (This figure is available in color in electronic form)

hours (Paper I). We rely on those results to ascribe to the same gaseous clump groups of  $\text{H}\alpha$  and metallic absorption components described in the previous Sect. We are aware, however, that this identification is doubtful in some cases, since the number of spectra for the stars in this paper is smaller and the time coverage is poorer than for UX Ori. With this caveat in mind, we will discuss these spectra as we have done in Paper I for UX Ori. We are quite confident that the main conclusions of this paper are not affected by the uncertainties with which some specific event can be identified.

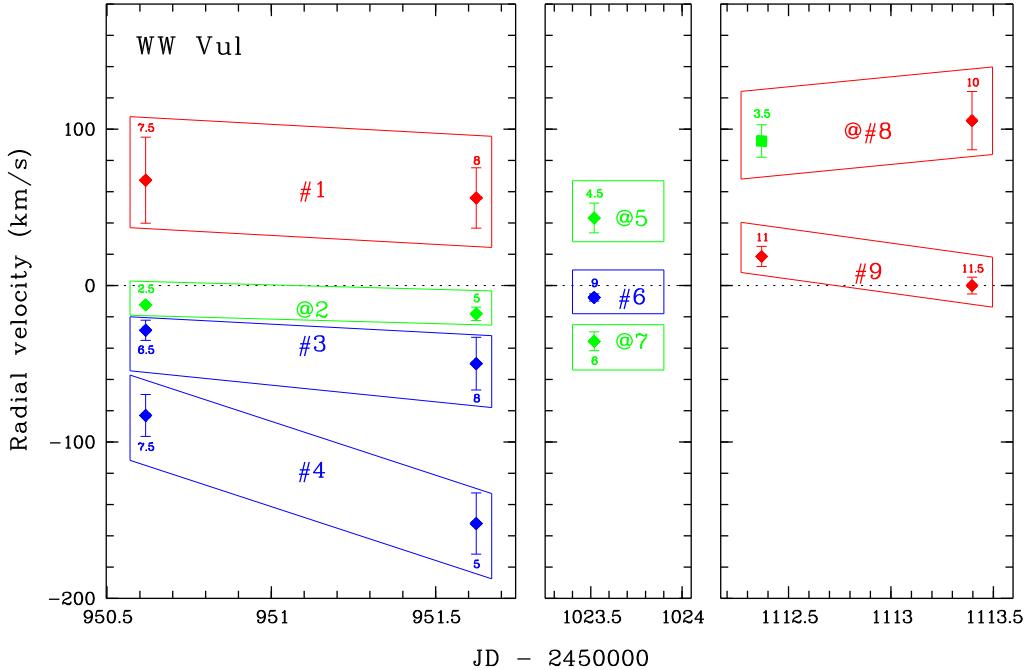
#### 4.1. Kinematics

Accelerating/decelerating blueshifted and redshifted events were detected in UX Ori, the events seemed to last for a few days and their acceleration rates were a fraction of  $\text{m s}^{-2}$ . Within the present time coverage limitations, the same is observed in the outflowing and infalling gas of BF Ori, WW Vul, SV Cep and XY Per. All 5 stars share the trend that infalling gas shows the largest velocities (the exception is event #4 of WW Vul in the JD 951.62 spectrum) and that blueshifted absorptions are detected when redshifted absorptions are present (the exception might be the JD 1024.67 spectrum of XY Per which shows a low velocity outflow but no infalling gas). Similar results are also present in the spectra of Grinin et al. (2001).

Infalling gas appears to have larger dispersion velocities than outflowing gas. In addition, the  $\text{H}\alpha$  lines are broader than the metallic ones in approximately 40 % of the identified TACs,

as indicated, for example, by the fact that  $\Delta v_{\text{Fe II}} < 0.66 \Delta v_{\text{H}\alpha}$  (in UX Ori this trend was noticed in the  $\text{NaI}$  lines). The fraction of TACs with broader  $\text{H}\alpha$  lines varies from star to star. For example, in 12 out of 16 detected TACs in XY Per  $\text{H}\alpha$  and  $\text{Fe II}$  have similar velocity dispersion, and only 3 out of 10 TACs in SV Sep follow this trend. On the other hand, the  $\text{Fe II}$  lines are broader than the  $\text{H}\alpha$  lines in only two events, #5 of SV Cep and #8 of XY Per. It is worth noting that the event of XY Per has metallic  $R_{\max}$  values at least as large as those of the Balmer lines and that the SV Cep event is very weak (see above for this event).

There seems to be a correlation between the dispersion velocity and the velocity of the TACs in the sense that TACs appear to be broader when the velocity increases. If we perform a linear regression ( $\Delta v = A + B \times |v|$ ) to the whole set of data, we find a correlation coefficient of 0.68. There is also a suggestion of an anticorrelation between  $\langle \Delta v_{\text{Fe II}} \rangle$  and the  $\langle R_{\max} \rangle$  values of the TACs during their evolution, i.e. events become fainter when they increase their dispersion velocity. This was also suggested in the case of UX Ori. For every event with more than 1 observation (14 in total),  $\langle \Delta v_{\text{Fe II}} \rangle$  and  $\langle R_{\max} \rangle$  have been normalized to the first observed values. If 2 ‘anomalous’ events, which are the most uncertain identifications in the whole sample, are removed (WW Vul #8 – one TAC is observed only in the metallic lines while the second TAC is detected in both metallic and  $\text{H}\alpha$  lines –, and XY Per #7 – the  $\Delta v$  and  $\langle R_{\max} \rangle$  variations are much more extreme than those of all other detected events) we find a linear correlation coefficient of -0.66. Both correlations are highly significant, i.e., the



**Fig. 9.** Events in WW Vul. Events marked with a “#” (1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9; red for redshifted events and blue for blueshifted events) are detected both in hydrogen and metallic lines. Events denoted with an “@” (2, 5 and 7; green) are only seen in metallic lines. The square point of #8 in JD 1112.37 correspond to TACs only observed in Fe II and Ti II. Further details as for Fig 5. (This figure is available in color in electronic form).

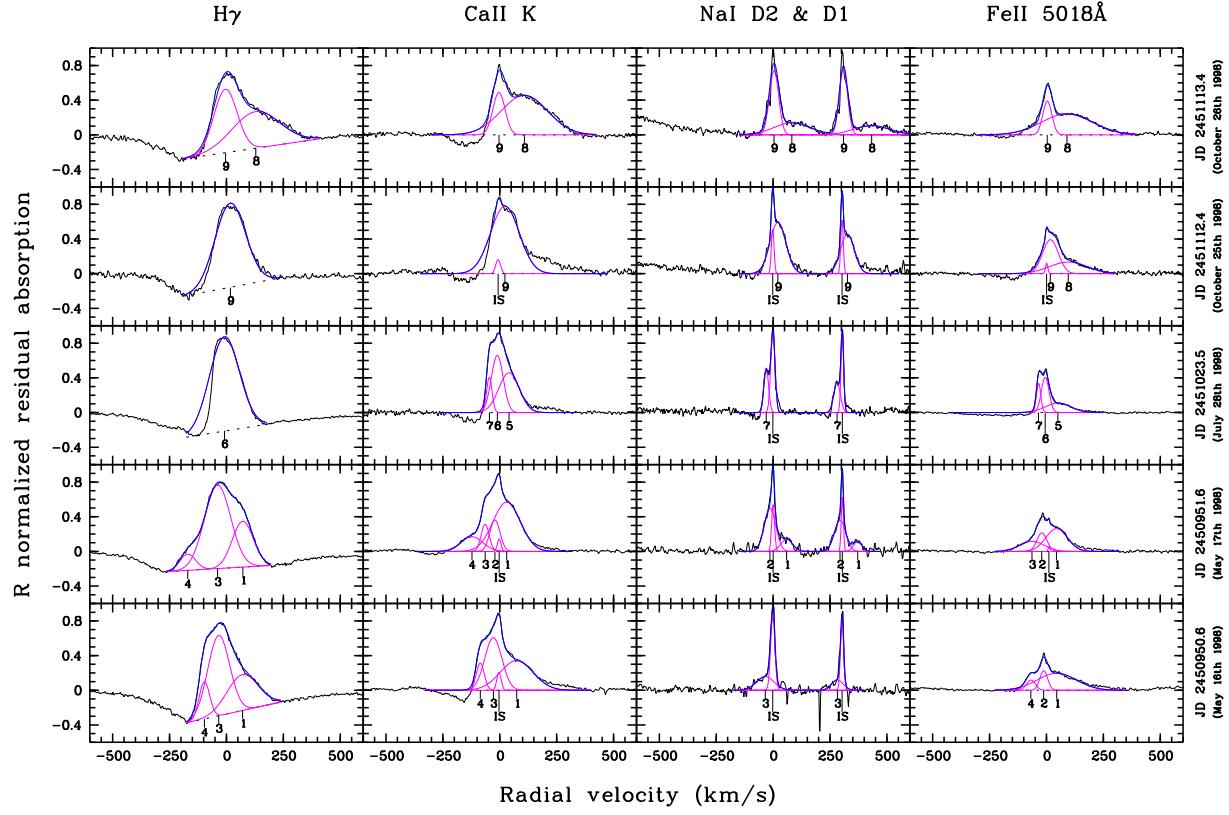
probability of randomly obtaining such coefficients from 2 unrelated variables is <1% for the data sets considered. We have to point out, however, that the  $\langle \Delta v_{\text{Fe II}} \rangle$  vs  $\langle R_{\max} \rangle$  anticorrelation disappears if the two ‘anomalous’ events are included in the statistics.

#### 4.2. Line intensity ratios

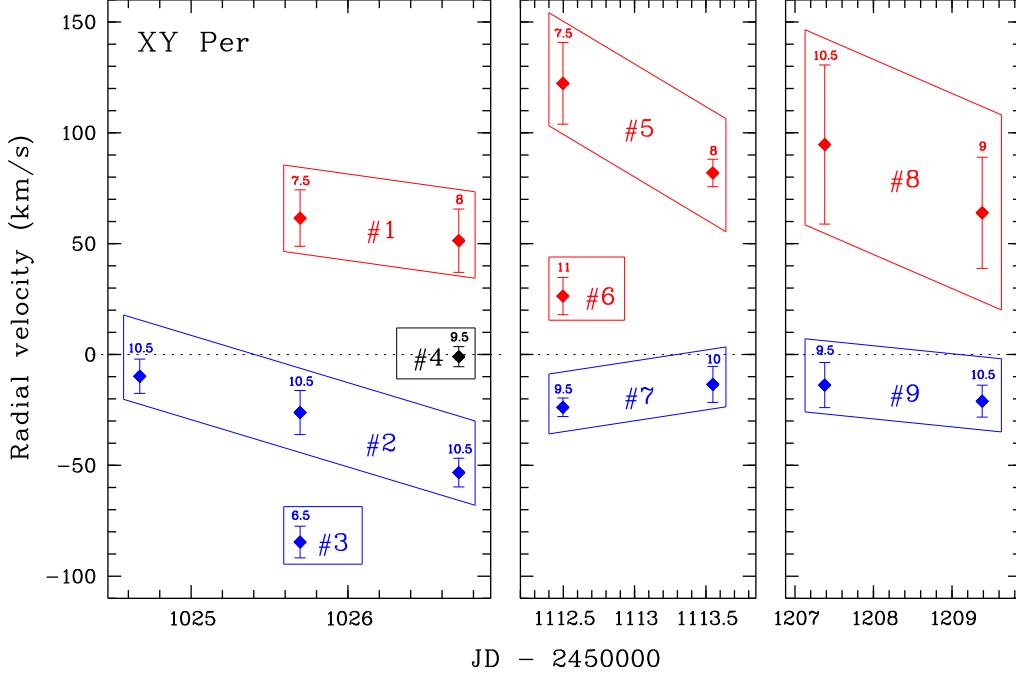
Many absorption components in Tables 6 to 9 have  $R_{\max}$  values close to unity, which suggests that they are saturated. This is not the case even for the strongest events of UX Ori (Paper I) (in fact, the ratio among the  $R_{\max}$  line values of the 24 UX Ori TACs does not vary much, which allowed us to estimate a line residual absorption average). Nevertheless, we have followed the procedure of Paper I to investigate whether a “fixed” ratio among the line absorption strengths might be present in those TACs which are most likely unsaturated. Thus, we have excluded from this exercise lines which show signs of being saturated, i.e. those with  $R_{\max} > 0.8$  and TACs with Balmer lines of similar strength. The line Fe II 4924 Å has been taken as a reference as it shows the lowest statistical errors (other lines which have been considered are H $\zeta$ , Ca II K and Fe II 5018 Å). The ratio  $R_{\max, \text{line}}/R_{\max, \text{ref.line}}$  (e.g.  $R_{\max, \text{H}\delta}/R_{\max, \text{Fe II}4924\text{\AA}}$ ) has been computed for each line of every TAC, and later the mean  $\langle R_{\max, \text{line}}/R_{\max, \text{ref.line}} \rangle$  has been estimated using a sigma-clipping algorithm to reject bad points. Table 3 gives  $\langle R_{\max, \text{line}}/R_{\max, \text{ref.line}} \rangle$  for each star, together with statistical errors and line rejections (%).

Values quoted in Table 3 can be used to assess whether the gas causing the variable absorptions is optically thin or

not, simply by comparing the  $R_{\max}$  ratios of lines belonging to the same element multiplet with their gf ratios (we recall that the TACs suspected of being saturated have already been excluded). We have analysed the Balmer, the Na I D doublet and the Fe II 42 lines, for which H $\delta$ , Na I D2 and Fe II 5018 Å have been taken as reference, respectively.  $R_{\max}$  ratios have been computed following the above procedure and gf values have been taken from the VALD database (Kupka et al. 1999) for H I and Na I. Fe II lines do not have reliable experimental gf values, partly because Fe II 5169 Å is blended with Mg I 5167 Å, Fe I 5167 Å and Mg I 5173 Å. Following the suggestion made by T.A. Ryabchikova and F.G. Kupka (private communication), we have used the semiempirical values computed according to Raassen & Uylings (1998) and available at <http://www.science.uva.nl/research/atom/levels/levtext.html>. The comparison between the estimated ratios and the theoretical gf shows that the Fe II 42 triplet is most likely saturated in BF Ori but not in the rest of the stars, and that the Na I D doublet is also probably saturated in BF Ori and WW Vul (Table 4). Concerning the Balmer lines (note we are referring to those TACs apparently unsaturated) their ratios are very different from the gf ratios. This is, in principle, similar to the case of UX Ori where the lines do not seem to be saturated in any of its events. Paper I suggested that the UX Ori results could be explained by underlying line emission caused by a spherical occulting cloud with a temperature  $T_{\text{ex}} \sim 7000$  K and a radius of the order of the UX Ori corotation radius,  $R_{\text{cloud}}/R_* \sim 1.6$  (see Rodgers et al. 2002, for details of the assumptions). However, only XY Per presents Balmer line ratios which could be adjusted using this scenario, namely



**Fig. 10.** WW Vul  $R$  profiles. Details as for Fig 6. (This figure is available in color in electronic form).

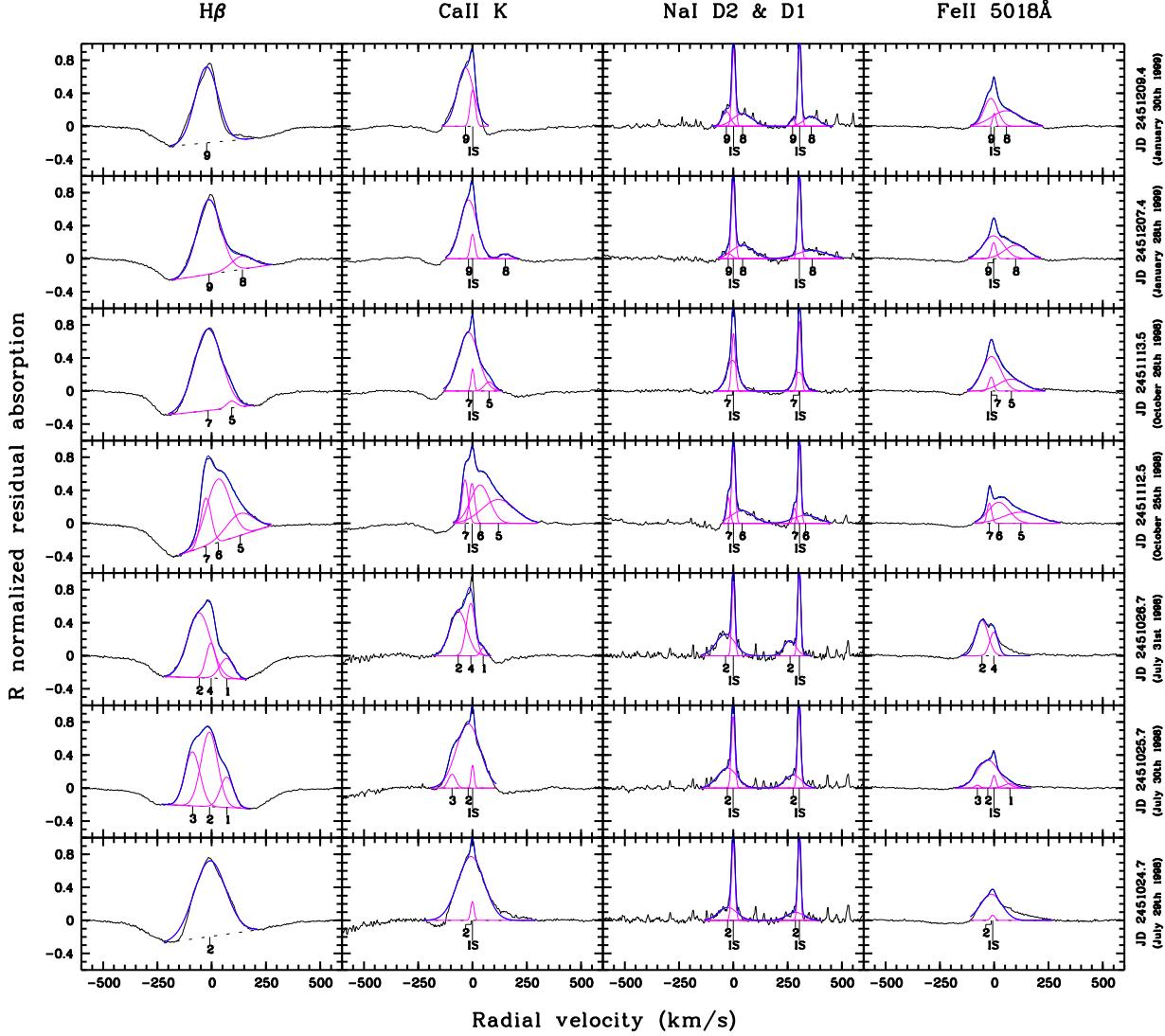


**Fig. 11.** Events in XY Per. Details as for Fig 5. (This figure is available in color in electronic form).

gas at a  $T_{\text{ex}} \sim 6600$  K at approximately the corotation radius  $R_{\text{cloud}}/R_* \sim 1.6$ . This is not applicable for the rest of the stars, where it is most likely that the Balmer lines are always saturated.

#### 4.3. Origin of the variable circumstellar gas clumps detected in hydrogen and metallic lines

Excluding the fact that redshifted events seem to be detected at larger velocities than blueshifted events (a fact deserving fur-



**Fig. 12.** XY Per  $R$  profiles. Details as for Fig 6. (This figure is available in color in electronic form).

**Table 3.** Ratios of the average  $R_{\max}$  parameter of several lines to  $\text{Fe II} 4924 \text{ \AA} < R_{\max, \text{line}} / R_{\max, \text{Fe II} 4924 \text{ \AA}} >$ ) for each star. The values correspond to lines in TACs which are most likely not saturated (see text). Values with no error mean that only one TAC is available. The sigma-clipping threshold adopted is  $2.0 \sigma$ , except for the values followed by the symbol  $\dagger$ , in which  $1.5 \sigma$  has been used. The percentage of rejected lines is given in brackets.

Line	BF Ori	SV Cep	WW Vul	XY Per
H $\beta$	–	$5.23 \pm 1.82$	6.59	$3.40 \pm 0.83$ (14%)
H $\gamma$	–	$5.38 \pm 2.29$	4.53	$2.68 \pm 0.82$ (11%)
H $\delta$	–	$4.96 \pm 1.85$	$4.83 \pm 0.97$	$2.86 \pm 1.15$
H $\zeta$	$1.50 \pm 0.30$	$3.71 \pm 1.27$	$2.17 \pm 0.69$	$2.09 \pm 0.66$
Ca II K	5.79	$4.05 \pm 0.97$ (10%)	$2.37 \pm 0.65$	$2.20 \pm 1.16$ (8%)
Na I D2	$1.06 \pm 0.40$	$1.27 \pm 0.40$	$1.45 \pm 0.64$ (17%) $\dagger$	$0.76 \pm 0.12$ (20%)
Na I D1	$0.89 \pm 0.39$	$0.85 \pm 0.33$	$1.50 \pm 0.92$	$0.48 \pm 0.09$ (11%)
Fe II 5018 Å	$1.08 \pm 0.15$	$1.41 \pm 0.14$	$1.28 \pm 0.11$ (15%)	$1.16 \pm 0.17$ (14%)
Fe II 5169 Å	$1.18 \pm 0.15$	$1.52 \pm 0.30$	$1.37 \pm 0.13$ (15%)	$1.30 \pm 0.25$ (7%)
Ti II 4444 Å	$0.57 \pm 0.29$	–	$0.25 \pm 0.08$	$0.30 \pm 0.14$ (7%)
Ti II 4572 Å	$0.45 \pm 0.07$	–	$0.25 \pm 0.08$	$0.32 \pm 0.10$ (7%)
Sc II 4247 Å	$0.47 \pm 0.09$	–	$0.31 \pm 0.06$	$0.33 \pm 0.23$
Ca I 4227 Å	$0.32 \pm 0.06$	–	$0.18 \pm 0.11$	$0.26 \pm 0.08$
Fe I 4046 Å	–	–	$0.16 \pm 0.06$	$0.18 \pm 0.05$

**Table 4.** Estimated  $\langle R_{\max, \text{line}} / R_{\max, \text{ref.line}} \rangle$  ratios among the lines of the Na I D doublet and the Fe II 42 triplet for each star. The theoretical ratios ( $g f_{\text{line}} / g f_{\text{ref.line}}$ ) and the line taken as reference are given in the last Col. The Fe II 5169 Å line is included for comparison purposes though its ratios are likely affected by the blend with Mg I 5167 Å, Fe I 5167 Å and Mg I 5173 Å.

Line	BF Ori	SV Cep	WW Vul	XY Per	Theor.	Reference
Na I D1	$0.83 \pm 0.11$	$0.73 \pm 0.15$	$0.81 \pm 0.12$	$0.63 \pm 0.07$	0.50	Na I D2
Fe II 4924Å	$0.94 \pm 0.16$	$0.72 \pm 0.08$	$0.79 \pm 0.07$	$0.86 \pm 0.17$	0.69	Fe II 5018Å
Fe II 5169Å	$1.09 \pm 0.03$	$1.07 \pm 0.15$	$1.06 \pm 0.13$	$1.07 \pm 0.19$	1.25	Fe II 5018Å

ther observations and also a theoretical explanation), the gas is observed in the same absorption lines with similar  $R$  and velocity dispersions, i.e., there are no fundamental differences in the behaviour of the infalling and outflowing gas in all the observed stars, including UX Ori. This result suggests that their physical conditions are rather similar and that they probably originate at similar distances from the star. Roughly solar abundances were found by Natta et al. (2000) for an event of redshifted gas in UX Ori, which was further supported by Paper I. This led to the conclusion that the clumps of CS gas in UX Ori are non metal-rich. Since high velocity gas is observed simultaneously in the Balmer and metallic lines in BF Ori, SV Sep, XY Per and in most of the detected events in WW Vul, a similar conclusion very likely holds also for the CS gas in these stars (but see next Sect. for the metallic events in WW Vul). Unlike the detected events in UX Ori, the gas in those stars is often optically thick, as suggested by the saturation of the absorption features. This might indicate that high density gas is more frequently observed in BF Ori, SV Sep, WW Vul and XY Per than in UX Ori.

Paper I compares the dynamics of the gaseous clumps in UX Ori with the predictions of magnetospheric accretion models (see Hartmann 1998, for a very good basic description of this theory) and different wind models (e.g. Goodson et al. 1997; Shu et al. 2000; Königl & Pudritz 2000). The present data do not add any new substantial aspect to that discussion, only that, with very few exceptions, outflowing gas displays smaller velocities than infalling gas. Thus, to avoid repetition we refer to that paper, stressing the need for further theoretical efforts to explain the complex circumstellar environment of HAe stars, at least to the level of understanding achieved for the less massive T Tauri stars.

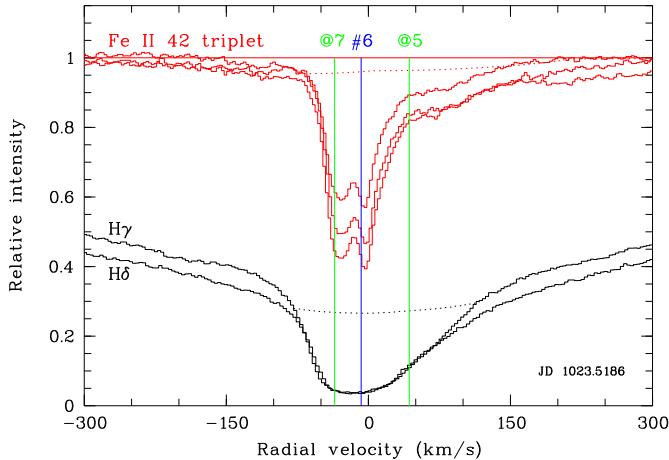
#### 4.4. The intriguing case of WW Vul

WW Vul is a very interesting case, somewhat different from the other stars. In all the spectra we have obtained, in addition to events detected in both metallic and hydrogen lines, as it is always the case in the other objects, we see also metallic absorption features (both blueshifted and redshifted) that do not seem to have a counterpart in the hydrogen lines. They appear as broad high velocity wings in the  $R$  profiles, e.g. events #5 and #8 in the JD 1023.52 and 1112.37 spectra, as well as relatively narrow distinct peaks, e.g. #7 in JD 1023.52 (Fig. 10). The observed outflowing events are narrower and have larger  $R_{\max}$  values than the infalling ones. To ensure that the metallic events are not artificially introduced by the multi-gaussian fit we have proceeded in two different ways: 1. We

have carefully inspected the original spectra, i.e., before subtraction of the photospheric components. Fig. 13 shows several lines as observed in the original (without photospheric subtraction) JD 1023.52 WW Vul spectrum. In particular, the relatively narrow, blueshifted, metallic event #7 is clearly seen on a simple visual inspection as an absorption peak with no distinctly separate hydrogen counterpart. We do note that there is hydrogen absorption covering the velocity range of event #7 and that the hydrogen lines are quite broad and likely to be saturated at this time. As a result, Gaussian fitting may not properly represent the intrinsic shape of the hydrogen components; however, without advance knowledge of their intrinsic shape, Gaussian fitting is used here as a default procedure. 2. In general, our approach has been to use a number as small as possible of gaussians to reproduce the  $R$  profiles in a self-consistent way, avoiding to overfit the data.

Nevertheless, since we were intrigued by the WW Vul behaviour, we have performed a number of additional numerical tests, to check as well as possible that the apparent lack of a hydrogen counterpart to some event seen in the metallic lines was not an artifact. First of all, we have added to the H I identified components more gaussians which take into account the parameters of the absorptions only identified in the metallic lines. This led to unphysical results, i.e., adding more gaussians to the H I lines does not produce kinematic components similar to those observed in the metallic lines, but create spurious H I components. For example, in JD 1023.52 we tried to fit 3 components to the H I  $R_{\max}$  profiles, i.e. the same number of gaussians obtained from the Fe II fit. The data obtained from the Balmer lines deconvolution are not self-consistent: i) strange, unrealistic Balmer intensity sequences are obtained, e.g. in event #7  $R_{\max, H\zeta} = R_{\max, H\beta} > R_{\max, H\gamma} > R_{\max, H\delta}$ . ii) the intensity ratios between different events differ widely from line to line (e.g. H $\beta$  is about two times more intense in #5 than in #6, H $\gamma$  is only 0.8 times as intense in #5 as in #6. We have then also tried to fix the radial velocity of the gaussian H I components to the values obtained from the Fe II lines in order to improve the fit, but the results were even worst: the method diverged for H $\beta$  (i.e. no fit could be found) and the sequence of intensities for the Balmer series in event #6 was unphysical ( $R_{\max, H\zeta} = R_{\max, H\delta} = 2.5R_{\max, H\gamma}$ , no H $\beta$  component).

One can also argue that the absence of H I counterparts to the metallic events is a consequence of blending, which is unresolved by the multigaussian deconvolution procedure. In order to test such possibility, we have generated a composite synthetic R profile consisting of three gaussians with the same  $R_{\max}$  and  $v$  as the Fe II 5018 Å JD 1023.52 spectrum and  $\Delta v = 150$  km/s, which is the average velocity dispersion of the only



**Fig. 13.** Original spectrum (i.e. prior to the synthetic stellar spectrum subtraction) as observed in the JD 1023.52 spectrum of WW Vul. Wavelengths have been converted into radial velocities. Plotted lines are H $\gamma$ , H $\delta$  and the three lines of the Fe II 42 triplet. The photospheric synthetic spectrum used to form  $R$  is shown in dotted lines for H $\gamma$  and Fe II 4924Å (being very similar for the other lines). The synthetic spectra reveal the presence of emission in the wings of H $\gamma$  and a little in the blue wing of Fe II 4924Å. The average radial velocity  $\langle v \rangle$  of the events identified after the photospheric spectrum removal and  $R$  multigaussian fit is indicated using the same colour and label conventions of Fig. 9. There is 1 blueshifted TAC (#6, blue colour) observed both in metallic and hydrogen lines, note that  $\Delta v_{\text{H}\alpha} \gg \Delta v_{\text{Fe II}}$ . There are also 2 metallic TACs (@5, @7, green) observed only in metallic lines. Event @7 can be clearly identified by visual inspection as a relatively narrow peak in the Fe II lines. In events #6 and @7  $\langle v \rangle$  does not exactly correspond with the local minima in the Fe II spectrum because the whole  $R$  profile is used in the multigaussian fits. (This figure is available in color in electronic form).

H $\alpha$  component detected in that date. We have also added random noise to achieve a S/N ratio worst than that of the H $\beta$  and H $\gamma$  lines of that spectrum; finally, we have applied our multi-gaussian deconvolution procedure to the synthetic profile. The result is that the three individual gaussians have been successfully retrieved. Note that the gaussian parameters we have introduced are test values. This result suggests that we would have been able of identifying H $\alpha$  counterparts of the metallic kinematics components if they would exist. Therefore, we consider that the existence of metallic absorptions without obvious H $\alpha$  counterparts is a rather firm result.

There are no obvious differences, in terms of kinematics and absorption strength, between the WW Vul metallic events and the rest of the events detected in this star and in BF Ori, SV Cep, XY Per and UX Ori. Some remarkable differences appear, however, when the ion column densities causing the events are compared. Lower limits on the ion column densities causing the absorptions can be estimated according to the fol-

**Table 5.** Column density estimates (according to Eq. 1) of ions excited to the energy ground level of Balmer and Fe II 42 triplet lines for events WW Vul #7 (metallic) and XY Per #8.

Line	WW Vul #7		XY Per #8
	$N_a$ (cm $^{-2}$ )	$N_a$ (cm $^{-2}$ )	
Fe II 4924Å	$\geq 1.1 \cdot 10^{14}$	$\geq 4.0 \cdot 10^{14}$	
Fe II 5018Å	$\geq 8.1 \cdot 10^{13}$	$\geq 2.1 \cdot 10^{14}$	
Fe II 5169Å	$\geq 7.8 \cdot 10^{13}$	$\geq 4.4 \cdot 10^{14}$	
H $\beta$	$< 2.9 \cdot 10^{11}$	$\geq 1.3 \cdot 10^{13}$	
H $\gamma$	$< 1.2 \cdot 10^{12}$	$\geq 4.2 \cdot 10^{13}$	
H $\delta$	$< 3.3 \cdot 10^{12}$	$\geq 9.6 \cdot 10^{13}$	
H $\zeta$			$\geq 2.9 \cdot 10^{14}$

lowing formula (Spitzer 1978), which becomes exact when the gas is optically thin:

$$N_a \simeq \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{e^2} \frac{m_e c^2 W_\lambda}{\pi f \lambda^2} \quad (1)$$

Where  $N_a$  is the column density of ions in the ground state of the line,  $e$  is the elementary charge,  $m_e$  is the electron mass,  $\epsilon_0$  is the permeability of free space,  $c$  is the speed of light,  $f$  is the oscillator strength of the line,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the line and  $W_\lambda$  is the equivalent width of the absorption component. The column densities obtained are similar, within an order of magnitude, for all the metallic events. An upper limit on the column density of the H $\alpha$  atoms in the Balmer energy level (n=2) can be estimated if we assume that TACs with an intensity lower than 3 times the noise level of the spectra cannot be detected. Table 5 gives the estimated values for the Fe II lines and some Balmer lines in the case of event WW Vul #7. Event #8 in XY Per has extremely weak saturated H $\alpha$  features and strong metallic components (H $\alpha$  line strengths are lower than or just comparable to the Fe II lines); in this sense, this event is the more similar to the metallic ones among all detected events with H $\alpha$  and metallic components. Table 5 gives lower limits to the column densities, estimated from the Balmer and Fe II lines of event #8 in XY Per. The values of Table 5 nicely shows the difference between the estimated column densities of ions excited to the energy ground level of the Fe II 42 triplet and Balmer lines in both type of events, and it could point out to a fundamental difference on the nature and origin of the gas from which the absorptions rise. However, a definitive statement on this issue requires a deep analysis of the metallic events detected in WW Vul in order to estimate chemical abundances, or abundance ratios among elements. Such analysis, which is beyond the scope of this paper, needs a NLTE treatment of the spectra; such treatment would produce model dependent results, since a previous knowledge of physical quantities, as for example volume densities of the gaseous clumps and electron temperature, are required. Such quantities cannot be estimated from our data in a confident way.

## 5. Concluding remarks

We have analyzed optical high resolution spectra of the HAe stars BF Ori, SV Cep, WW Vul and XY Per. These spectra monitor the stars on time scales of months and days and, as in

the case of the previously studied UX Ori (Paper I), they provide observational constraints, which should be considered for any realistic scenario of the gaseous circumstellar disks around intermediate-mass PMS stars. Our results and conclusions can be summarized as follows:

1. The gaseous circumstellar environment of these stars is very complex and active. The spectra always show circumstellar line absorptions with remarkable variations in their strength and dynamical properties.
2. Variable absorption features are, in most cases, detected simultaneously in hydrogen and in many metallic lines with similar velocities. In each case, there are several kinematic components in each line, both blue-shifted and red-shifted with respect to the systemic velocity, denoting the simultaneous presence of infalling and outflowing gas. We attribute the variable features detected in both Balmer and metallic lines to gaseous clumps of solar-like composition, evolving dynamically in the circumstellar disks of these objects. In this respect, the disks around the stars studied in this paper are similar to the UX Ori disk. Following the conclusions of Paper I we suggest that these clumps and their dynamical evolution should be investigated in the context of detailed magnetospheric accretion models, similar to those of T Tauri stars.
3. The star WW Vul is peculiar and behaves differently from the other stars studied in this paper and also from UX Ori. It is the only star that shows, in addition to events seen both in metallic and hydrogen lines, similar to those observed in the other stars, also transient absorption components in metallic lines that do not apparently have any obvious counterpart in the hydrogen lines. This result, taken at its face-value, would indicate the presence of a metal-rich gas component in the environment of WW Vul, possibly related to the evaporation of solid bodies. However, any such conclusion is premature. We think that a series of optical spectra with better time resolution (hours) and longer monitoring (up to around seven days), spectra in the far UV range - to analyze Lyman and metallic resonance lines - and detailed NLTE models of different CS gas environments are essential for further progress and to provide clues on the origin of these apparently metal-rich events, in terms of their appearance/disappearance statistics, dynamics, metallicity and nature.

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**Table 6.** Identified Transient Absorption Components (TACs) in BF Ori. Column 1 gives the corresponding Balmer or metallic line, Col. 2 gives the Julian Date ( $-2450\,000$ ), Col. 3 represents the event assigned to the particular absorptions (see text Sect. 3.2), Cols. 4 to 6 give the parameters of each transient absorption as estimated from the multigaussian fit of the normalized residual absorption  $R$ :  $v$ , radial velocity,  $\Delta v$ , FWHM, and  $R_{\max}$ , the strength of the absorption (peak of the gaussian). “0” in Col. 3 corresponds to the narrow IS absorptions, while “–” means that the absorption is not associated with a particular event.

Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$	Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$
H $\beta$	1112.6324	1	-8	184	0.95	Fe II 5169Å	1209.5542	2	50	199	0.48
H $\gamma$	1112.6324	1	7	183	0.95	Ti II 4444Å	1209.5542	2	38	185	0.14
H $\delta$	1112.6324	1	4	157	0.93	Ti II 4572Å	1209.5542	2	52	189	0.13
H $\zeta$	1112.6324	1	11	120	0.79	Sc II 4247Å	1209.5542	2	21	75	0.22
Na I D2	1112.6324	1	-1	66	0.83	Na I D2	1209.5542	0	1	31	0.58
Na I D1	1112.6324	1	-2	60	0.75	Na I D1	1209.5542	0	1	22	0.51
Fe II 4924Å	1112.6324	1	3	83	0.64	Fe II 4924Å	1209.5542	0	4	20	0.09
Fe II 5018Å	1112.6324	1	5	92	0.71	Fe II 5018Å	1209.5542	0	4	18	0.11
Fe II 5169Å	1112.6324	1	2	93	0.76	Fe II 5169Å	1209.5542	0	3	24	0.12
Ti II 4444Å	1112.6324	1	-2	61	0.33	Ca II K	1209.5542	–	-95	136	0.33
Ti II 4572Å	1112.6324	1	-3	58	0.35	Ca II K	1209.5542	–	96	172	0.71
Sc II 4247Å	1112.6324	1	-1	66	0.30	H $\beta$	1210.4571	2	38	155	0.95
Ca II 4227Å	1112.6324	1	3	62	0.23	H $\gamma$	1210.4571	2	25	185	0.97
H $\epsilon$	1112.6324	–	30	132	0.75	H $\delta$	1210.4571	2	29	155	0.95
Ca II K	1112.6324	–	-52	70	0.54	H $\epsilon$	1210.4571	2	32	130	0.79
Ca II K	1112.6324	–	92	172	0.61	H $\zeta$	1210.4571	2	23	145	0.79
Ca II H	1112.6324	–	-40	53	0.71	Na I D2	1210.4571	2	13	83	0.47
H $\beta$	1113.6515	1	27	194	0.86	Na I D1	1210.4571	2	16	78	0.32
H $\gamma$	1113.6515	1	33	189	0.86	Fe II 4924Å	1210.4571	2	23	110	0.52
H $\delta$	1113.6515	1	33	195	0.79	Fe II 5018Å	1210.4571	2	23	115	0.59
H $\zeta$	1113.6515	1	39	139	0.65	Fe II 5169Å	1210.4571	2	22	118	0.65
Na I D2	1113.6515	1	6	57	0.80	Ti II 4444Å	1210.4571	2	20	87	0.22
Na I D1	1113.6515	1	5	51	0.69	Ti II 4572Å	1210.4571	2	12	117	0.21
Fe II 4924Å	1113.6515	1	15	98	0.54	Sc II 4247Å	1210.4571	2	14	98	0.21
Fe II 5018Å	1113.6515	1	20	111	0.62	H $\beta$	1210.4571	3	-52	62	0.32
Fe II 5169Å	1113.6515	1	19	116	0.66	H $\gamma$	1210.4571	3	-67	94	0.19
Ti II 4444Å	1113.6515	1	17	76	0.24	H $\delta$	1210.4571	3	-61	90	0.27
Ti II 4572Å	1113.6515	1	13	70	0.24	H $\epsilon$	1210.4571	3	-65	43	0.15
Sc II 4247Å	1113.6515	1	16	83	0.23	H $\zeta$	1210.4571	3	-89	63	0.15
Ca II 4227Å	1113.6515	1	13	51	0.15	Ca II K	1210.4571	3	-77	92	0.47
H $\epsilon$	1113.6515	–	73	172	0.63	Ca II H	1210.4571	3	-67	93	0.47
Ca II K	1113.6515	–	-74	134	0.28	Fe II 4924Å	1210.4571	3	-57	77	0.08
Ca II K	1113.6515	–	96	167	0.59	Fe II 5018Å	1210.4571	3	-53	55	0.07
H $\beta$	1209.5542	2	40	218	0.83	Fe II 5169Å	1210.4571	3	-54	48	0.08
H $\gamma$	1209.5542	2	40	229	0.88	Ti II 4444Å	1210.4571	3	-42	46	0.09
H $\delta$	1209.5542	2	40	217	0.82	Ti II 4572Å	1210.4571	3	-34	25	0.04
H $\epsilon$	1209.5542	2	58	176	0.60	Na I D2	1210.4571	0	-1	15	0.41
H $\zeta$	1209.5542	2	58	184	0.60	Na I D1	1210.4571	0	0	14	0.47
Na I D2	1209.5542	2	55	152	0.21	Fe II 4924Å	1210.4571	0	3	10	0.05
Na I D1	1209.5542	2	38	135	0.18	Fe II 5018Å	1210.4571	0	2	13	0.06
Fe II 4924Å	1209.5542	2	46	188	0.36	Fe II 5169Å	1210.4571	0	2	13	0.06
Fe II 5018Å	1209.5542	2	54	196	0.44	Ca II K	1210.4571	–	78	146	0.69

**Table 7.** Identified Transient Absorption Components (TACs) in SV Cep. Details as for Table 6.

Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$	Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$
H $\beta$	950.6668	1	35	52	0.58	Ca II K	1026.6684	4	-6	46	0.49
H $\gamma$	950.6668	1	40	45	0.35	Ca II H	1026.6684	4	-22	20	0.32
H $\delta$	950.6668	1	40	46	0.33	Fe II 4924Å	1026.6684	4	1	40	0.13
H $\epsilon$	950.6668	1	31	50	0.38	Fe II 5018Å	1026.6684	4	-0	43	0.19
H $\zeta$	950.6668	1	40	80	0.28	Fe II 5169Å	1026.6684	4	0	42	0.23
Ca II K	950.6668	1	25	27	0.42	Ca II K	1026.6684	0	-3	12	0.29
Ca II H	950.6668	1	23	16	0.38	Ca II H	1026.6684	0	-2	17	0.85
Na I D2	950.6668	1	26	14	0.25	Na I D2	1026.6684	0	0	18	0.97
Fe II 4924Å	950.6668	1	23	25	0.15	Na I D1	1026.6684	0	-1	14	0.99
Fe II 5018Å	950.6668	1	25	27	0.22	H $\beta$	1113.4730	5	138	38	0.04
Fe II 5169Å	950.6668	1	24	28	0.25	H $\gamma$	1113.4730	5	113	64	0.12
H $\beta$	950.6668	2	-17	73	0.93	H $\delta$	1113.4730	5	114	81	0.12
H $\gamma$	950.6668	2	-11	84	0.83	H $\epsilon$	1113.4730	5	97	41	0.13
H $\delta$	950.6668	2	-13	79	0.67	H $\zeta$	1113.4730	5	85	20	0.13
H $\epsilon$	950.6668	2	-17	49	0.42	Ca II K	1113.4730	5	89	85	0.11
H $\zeta$	950.6668	2	-22	74	0.35	Fe II 4924Å	1113.4730	5	87	63	0.04
Ca II K	950.6668	2	-8	28	0.73	Fe II 5018Å	1113.4730	5	90	292	0.05
Ca II H	950.6668	2	-6	24	0.66	Fe II 5169Å	1113.4730	5	67	173	0.04
Fe II 4924Å	950.6668	2	-11	17	0.10	H $\beta$	1113.4730	6	-28	125	0.99
Fe II 5018Å	950.6668	2	-9	20	0.15	H $\gamma$	1113.4730	6	-21	117	0.94
Fe II 5169Å	950.6668	2	-10	16	0.20	H $\delta$	1113.4730	6	-22	106	0.86
Na I D2	950.6668	0	1	16	1.04	H $\epsilon$	1113.4730	6	-13	85	0.65
Na I D1	950.6668	0	1	13	1.05	H $\zeta$	1113.4730	6	-18	95	0.52
H $\beta$	1025.6260	3	99	276	0.34	Ca II K	1113.4730	6	-19	77	0.56
H $\gamma$	1025.6260	3	78	217	0.48	Ca II H	1113.4730	6	-11	65	0.53
H $\delta$	1025.6260	3	76	219	0.43	Na I D2	1113.4730	6	-26	12	0.14
H $\zeta$	1025.6260	3	77	210	0.31	Na I D1	1113.4730	6	-27	30	0.07
Ca II K	1025.6260	3	40	193	0.51	Fe II 4924Å	1113.4730	6	-15	78	0.15
Na I D2	1025.6260	3	71	162	0.13	Fe II 5018Å	1113.4730	6	-14	70	0.17
Na I D1	1025.6260	3	68	199	0.10	Fe II 5169Å	1113.4730	6	-23	77	0.18
Fe II 4924Å	1025.6260	3	51	197	0.09	Ca II K	1113.4730	0	-3	15	0.44
Fe II 5018Å	1025.6260	3	70	245	0.12	Ca II H	1113.4730	0	-1	12	0.50
Fe II 5169Å	1025.6260	3	60	207	0.12	Na I D2	1113.4730	0	-1	16	1.04
H $\beta$	1025.6260	4	-6	147	0.67	Na I D1	1113.4730	0	-1	14	1.03
H $\gamma$	1025.6260	4	-21	139	0.54	Fe II 4924Å	1113.4730	0	2	13	0.09
H $\delta$	1025.6260	4	-16	133	0.48	Fe II 5018Å	1113.4730	0	-1	14	0.11
H $\epsilon$	1025.6260	4	15	231	0.67	Fe II 5169Å	1113.4730	0	-2	23	0.16
H $\zeta$	1025.6260	4	-10	134	0.40	H $\beta$	1209.3372	7	198	349	0.33
Ca II K	1025.6260	4	0	29	0.41	H $\gamma$	1209.3372	7	164	315	0.32
Ca II H	1025.6260	4	-2	19	0.66	H $\delta$	1209.3372	7	134	334	0.30
Fe II 4924Å	1025.6260	4	12	33	0.09	H $\epsilon$	1209.3372	7	141	298	0.29
Fe II 5018Å	1025.6260	4	12	39	0.14	H $\zeta$	1209.3372	7	143	313	0.24
Fe II 5169Å	1025.6260	4	10	39	0.15	Ca II K	1209.3372	7	172	269	0.19
Na I D2	1025.6260	0	0	17	0.95	Fe II 4924Å	1209.3372	7	136	324	0.05
Na I D1	1025.6260	0	-0	14	0.96	Fe II 5018Å	1209.3372	7	156	253	0.07
H $\beta$	1026.6684	3	80	202	0.75	Fe II 5169Å	1209.3372	7	167	278	0.06
H $\gamma$	1026.6684	3	72	190	0.76	H $\beta$	1209.3372	8	-4	99	0.97
H $\delta$	1026.6684	3	69	164	0.70	H $\gamma$	1209.3372	8	3	111	0.77
H $\epsilon$	1026.6684	3	87	116	0.56	H $\delta$	1209.3372	8	6	110	0.60
H $\zeta$	1026.6684	3	66	152	0.55	H $\epsilon$	1209.3372	8	6	100	0.51
Ca II K	1026.6684	3	75	115	0.53	H $\zeta$	1209.3372	8	9	99	0.46
Na I D2	1026.6684	3	82	130	0.16	Ca II K	1209.3372	8	12	115	0.40
Na I D1	1026.6684	3	75	127	0.12	Na I D2	1209.3372	8	40	96	0.07
Fe II 4924Å	1026.6684	3	84	87	0.11	Na I D1	1209.3372	8	33	51	0.06
Fe II 5018Å	1026.6684	3	87	95	0.16	Fe II 4924Å	1209.3372	8	19	76	0.09
Fe II 5169Å	1026.6684	3	86	83	0.17	Fe II 5018Å	1209.3372	8	16	78	0.13
H $\beta$	1026.6684	4	-8	82	0.59	Fe II 5169Å	1209.3372	8	17	74	0.15
H $\gamma$	1026.6684	4	-11	68	0.42	Ca II K	1209.3372	0	-1	18	0.43
H $\delta$	1026.6684	4	-13	60	0.35	Ca II H	1209.3372	0	1	22	0.77
H $\epsilon$	1026.6684	4	-18	112	0.59	Na I D2	1209.3372	0	1	20	0.87
H $\zeta$	1026.6684	4	-10	53	0.21	Na I D1	1209.3372	0	1	15	0.93

**Table 8.** Identified Transient Absorption Components (TACs) in WW Vul. Details as for Table 6.

Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$	Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$
H $\beta$	950.6176	1	131	95	0.10	H $\epsilon$	1023.5186	6	-3	99	0.98
H $\gamma$	950.6176	1	71	162	0.41	H $\zeta$	1023.5186	6	-9	101	0.85
H $\delta$	950.6176	1	58	174	0.44	Ca II K	1023.5186	6	-11	62	0.66
H $\epsilon$	950.6176	1	59	164	0.40	Ca II H	1023.5186	6	-6	46	1.15
H $\zeta$	950.6176	1	69	168	0.38	Fe II 4924Å	1023.5186	6	-6	34	0.32
Ca II K	950.6176	1	74	170	0.34	Fe II 5018Å	1023.5186	6	-6	40	0.41
Fe II 4924Å	950.6176	1	40	186	0.16	Fe II 5169Å	1023.5186	6	-5	39	0.45
Fe II 5018Å	950.6176	1	45	203	0.20	Ti II 4444Å	1023.5186	6	-6	36	0.05
Fe II 5169Å	950.6176	1	44	207	0.19	Ti II 4572Å	1023.5186	6	-7	37	0.05
Fe II 4924Å	950.6176	2	-13	36	0.17	Ca II K	1023.5186	7	-46	28	0.41
Fe II 5018Å	950.6176	2	-12	41	0.22	Ca II H	1023.5186	7	-41	31	0.85
Fe II 5169Å	950.6176	2	-12	41	0.26	Nai D2	1023.5186	7	-30	25	0.50
H $\beta$	950.6176	3	-25	110	1.27	Nai D1	1023.5186	7	-23	34	0.35
H $\gamma$	950.6176	3	-34	113	0.93	Fe II 4924Å	1023.5186	7	-35	24	0.30
H $\delta$	950.6176	3	-34	106	0.73	Fe II 5018Å	1023.5186	7	-35	23	0.33
H $\epsilon$	950.6176	3	-30	87	0.61	Fe II 5169Å	1023.5186	7	-35	24	0.40
H $\zeta$	950.6176	3	-31	104	0.62	Ti II 4444Å	1023.5186	7	-34	21	0.04
Ca II K	950.6176	3	-28	89	0.61	Ti II 4572Å	1023.5186	7	-34	22	0.04
Ca II H	950.6176	3	-11	58	0.98	Nai D2	1023.5186	0	-1	22	0.93
Nai D2	950.6176	3	-34	91	0.16	Nai D1	1023.5186	0	0	14	0.86
Nai D1	950.6176	3	-22	59	0.12	Fe II 4924Å	1112.3689	8	86	162	0.09
H $\beta$	950.6176	4	-104	58	0.63	Fe II 5018Å	1112.3689	8	96	195	0.13
H $\gamma$	950.6176	4	-97	55	0.43	Fe II 5169Å	1112.3689	8	113	248	0.11
H $\delta$	950.6176	4	-90	55	0.39	Ti II 4444Å	1112.3689	8	91	163	0.03
H $\zeta$	950.6176	4	-82	49	0.25	Ti II 4572Å	1112.3689	8	78	224	0.03
Ca II K	950.6176	4	-86	42	0.31	H $\beta$	1112.3689	9	7	156	0.98
Ca II H	950.6176	4	-74	55	0.63	H $\gamma$	1112.3689	9	17	159	0.97
Fe II 4924Å	950.6176	4	-67	45	0.09	H $\delta$	1112.3689	9	17	152	0.99
Fe II 5018Å	950.6176	4	-68	46	0.12	H $\epsilon$	1112.3689	9	11	174	1.04
Fe II 5169Å	950.6176	4	-66	41	0.13	H $\zeta$	1112.3689	9	24	145	0.93
Ca II K	950.6176	0	-4	23	0.21	Ca II K	1112.3689	9	23	148	0.78
Ca II H	950.6176	0	-1	7	0.09	Nai D2	1112.3689	9	21	83	0.59
Nai D2	950.6176	0	-2	22	0.86	Nai D1	1112.3689	9	22	72	0.45
Nai D1	950.6176	0	-1	16	0.80	Fe II 4924Å	1112.3689	9	18	77	0.32
H $\beta$	951.6232	1	93	75	0.33	Fe II 5018Å	1112.3689	9	17	82	0.39
H $\gamma$	951.6232	1	72	109	0.53	Fe II 5169Å	1112.3689	9	18	85	0.45
H $\delta$	951.6232	1	42	136	0.68	Fe I 4046Å	1112.3689	9	32	76	0.03
H $\epsilon$	951.6232	1	70	91	0.34	Ti II 4444Å	1112.3689	9	14	57	0.08
Ca II K	951.6232	1	30	142	0.57	Ti II 4572Å	1112.3689	9	16	62	0.09
Nai D2	951.6232	1	59	62	0.14	Sc II 4247Å	1112.3689	9	35	79	0.08
Nai D1	951.6232	1	67	43	0.12	Ca I 4227Å	1112.3689	9	17	66	0.03
Fe II 4924Å	951.6232	1	45	112	0.18	Ca II K	1112.3689	0	-7	25	0.16
Fe II 5018Å	951.6232	1	44	111	0.26	Ca II H	1112.3689	0	-5	56	0.89
Fe II 5169Å	951.6232	1	46	113	0.27	Nai D2	1112.3689	0	-2	14	0.51
Ca II K	951.6232	2	-21	53	0.36	Nai D1	1112.3689	0	-1	13	0.62
Ca II H	951.6232	2	-12	46	0.74	Fe II 4924Å	1112.3689	0	0	13	0.11
Nai D2	951.6232	2	-14	59	0.50	Fe II 5018Å	1112.3689	0	1	12	0.12
Nai D1	951.6232	2	-10	58	0.36	Fe II 5169Å	1112.3689	0	-0	13	0.15
Fe II 4924Å	951.6232	2	-20	42	0.12	Sc II 4247Å	1112.3689	0	2	31	0.07
Fe II 5018Å	951.6232	2	-20	52	0.21	H $\gamma$	1113.3958	8	129	248	0.42
Fe II 5169Å	951.6232	2	-23	66	0.33	H $\delta$	1113.3958	8	106	233	0.53
H $\beta$	951.6232	3	-30	134	1.10	H $\epsilon$	1113.3958	8	85	257	0.62
H $\gamma$	951.6232	3	-39	136	0.96	H $\zeta$	1113.3958	8	106	220	0.47
H $\delta$	951.6232	3	-53	107	0.70	Ca II K	1113.3958	8	108	239	0.46
H $\epsilon$	951.6232	3	-21	129	0.79	Nai D2	1113.3958	8	82	187	0.14
H $\zeta$	951.6232	3	-49	52	0.21	Nai D1	1113.3958	8	129	185	0.11
Ca II K	951.6232	3	-64	41	0.31	Fe II 4924Å	1113.3958	8	80	236	0.18
Ca II H	951.6232	3	-57	50	0.57	Fe II 5018Å	1113.3958	8	90	263	0.24
Nai D2	951.6232	2	-14	59	0.50	Fe II 5169Å	1113.3958	8	116	291	0.24
Nai D1	951.6232	2	-10	58	0.36	Fe I 4046Å	1113.3958	8	127	116	0.04
Fe II 4924Å	951.6232	3	-91	84	0.10	Ti II 4444Å	1113.3958	8	74	231	0.06
H $\beta$	951.6232	4	-174	63	0.14	Ti II 4572Å	1113.3958	8	107	253	0.06
H $\gamma$	951.6232	4	-170	81	0.19	Sc II 4247Å	1113.3958	8	123	140	0.06
H $\delta$	951.6232	4	-156	78	0.18	Ca I 4227Å	1113.3958	8	134	109	0.03
H $\zeta$	951.6232	4	-137	119	0.10	H $\beta$	1113.3958	9	-4	124	0.96
Ca II K	951.6232	4	-122	113	0.17	H $\gamma$	1113.3958	9	-4	121	0.73
Ca II H	951.6232	4	-139	70	0.10	H $\delta$	1113.3958	9	-11	109	0.66
Nai D2	951.6232	0	-3	19	0.14	H $\epsilon$	1113.3958	9	6	68	0.44
Nai D1	951.6232	0	-4	9	0.07	H $\zeta$	1113.3958	9	-9	102	0.65
Fe II 4924Å	951.6232	0	-0	15	0.54	Ca II K	1113.3958	9	-4	63	0.49
Fe II 5018Å	951.6232	0	0	12	0.62	Ca II H	1113.3958	9	-2	58	0.79
Fe II 5169Å	951.6232	0	11	11	0.04	Nai D2	1113.3958	9	4	48	0.74
H $\beta$	951.6232	0	11	8	0.06	Nai D1	1113.3958	9	5	43	0.76
Fe II 5169Å	951.6232	0	8	8	0.03	Fe II 4924Å	1113.3958	9	4	43	0.34
H $\zeta$	951.6232	-	10	163	0.75	Fe II 5018Å	1113.3958	9	4	47	0.39
Ca II K	1023.5186	5	41	106	0.46	Fe II 5169Å	1113.3958	9	4	49	0.46
Ca II H	1023.5186	5	28	28	0.28	Fe I 4046Å	1113.3958	9	3	40	0.06
Fe II 4924Å	1023.5186	5	37	115	0.08	Ti II 4444Å	1113.3958	9	6	36	0.09
Fe II 5018Å	1023.5186	5	50	132	0.11	Ti II 4572Å	1113.3958	9	1	48	0.09
Fe II 5169Å	1023.5186	5	40	127	0.11	Sc II 4247Å	1113.3958	9	6	55	0.12
Ti II 4444Å	1023.5186	5	63	113	0.02	Ca I 4227Å	1113.3958	9	6	46	0.10
H $\beta$	1023.5186	6	-11	157	1.31	H $\beta$	1113.3958	-	251	149	0.20
H $\gamma$	1023.5186	6	-9	155	1.09						
H $\delta$	1023.5186	6	-9	131	0.99						

**Table 9.** Identified Transient Absorption Components (TACs) in XY Per. Details as for Table 6.

Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$	Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$
H $\beta$	1024.6728	2	-9	171	0.92	Ca II K	1026.7065	2	-66	91	0.55
H $\gamma$	1024.6728	2	-4	171	0.92	Ca II H	1026.7065	2	-51	101	0.55
H $\delta$	1024.6728	2	-3	163	0.88	Na I D2	1026.7065	2	-36	102	0.26
H $\epsilon$	1024.6728	2	2	147	0.72	Na I D1	1026.7065	2	-43	64	0.18
H $\zeta$	1024.6728	2	-5	146	0.70	Fe II 4924Å	1026.7065	2	-52	83	0.37
Ca II K	1024.6728	2	-7	142	0.77	Fe II 5018Å	1026.7065	2	-56	66	0.43
Ca II H	1024.6728	2	-27	104	0.63	Fe II 5169Å	1026.7065	2	-54	82	0.45
Na I D2	1024.6728	2	-26	100	0.16	Ti II 4444Å	1026.7065	2	-52	66	0.09
Na I D1	1024.6728	2	-19	92	0.10	Ti II 4572Å	1026.7065	2	-53	68	0.10
Fe II 4924Å	1024.6728	2	-15	118	0.25	Sc II 4247Å	1026.7065	2	-54	68	0.06
Fe II 5018Å	1024.6728	2	-14	115	0.32	H $\beta$	1026.7065	4	-3	54	0.42
Fe II 5169Å	1024.6728	2	-16	114	0.35	H $\gamma$	1026.7065	4	0	41	0.24
Ti II 4444Å	1024.6728	2	2	156	0.06	H $\delta$	1026.7065	4	2	38	0.19
Ti II 4572Å	1024.6728	2	-11	144	0.06	H $\epsilon$	1026.7065	4	-4	38	0.21
Sc II 4247Å	1024.6728	2	-3	133	0.04	H $\zeta$	1026.7065	4	4	42	0.20
Ca II K	1024.6728	0	-0	18	0.23	Ca II K	1026.7065	4	-8	48	0.63
Ca II H	1024.6728	0	-1	25	0.44	Ca II H	1026.7065	4	-4	33	0.49
Na I D2	1024.6728	0	-0	19	0.93	Fe II 4924Å	1026.7065	4	-3	26	0.11
Na I D1	1024.6728	0	0	17	0.98	Fe II 5018Å	1026.7065	4	-1	46	0.28
Fe II 4924Å	1024.6728	0	-5	27	0.06	Fe II 5169Å	1026.7065	4	-5	29	0.15
Fe II 5018Å	1024.6728	0	-6	23	0.06	Ti II 4444Å	1026.7065	4	-1	33	0.04
Fe II 5169Å	1024.6728	0	-4	27	0.07	Ti II 4572Å	1026.7065	4	5	50	0.05
Sc II 4247Å	1024.6728	0	-7	9	0.01	Sc II 4247Å	1026.7065	4	12	52	0.03
H $\beta$	1025.6948	1	70	72	0.37	Na I D2	1026.7065	0	-0	17	0.89
H $\gamma$	1025.6948	1	74	58	0.16	Na I D1	1026.7065	0	-0	17	1.02
H $\delta$	1025.6948	1	66	93	0.21	H $\beta$	1112.4978	5	131	149	0.27
H $\epsilon$	1025.6948	1	60	59	0.23	H $\gamma$	1112.4978	5	83	206	0.41
Fe II 4924Å	1025.6948	1	59	66	0.05	H $\delta$	1112.4978	5	118	173	0.30
Fe II 5018Å	1025.6948	1	73	66	0.05	H $\zeta$	1112.4978	5	127	182	0.20
Fe II 5169Å	1025.6948	1	65	57	0.04	Ca II K	1112.4978	5	119	177	0.29
Ti II 4444Å	1025.6948	1	34	113	0.06	Fe II 4924Å	1112.4978	5	147	139	0.07
Ti II 4572Å	1025.6948	1	44	79	0.04	Fe II 5018Å	1112.4978	5	123	190	0.13
Sc II 4247Å	1025.6948	1	37	88	0.04	Fe II 5169Å	1112.4978	5	147	218	0.11
H $\beta$	1025.6948	2	-10	90	0.90	Ti II 4444Å	1112.4978	5	122	209	0.02
H $\gamma$	1025.6948	2	-22	147	0.96	H $\beta$	1112.4978	6	30	129	0.77
H $\delta$	1025.6948	2	-27	133	0.90	H $\gamma$	1112.4978	6	18	136	0.58
H $\epsilon$	1025.6948	2	-15	96	0.63	H $\delta$	1112.4978	6	14	142	0.73
H $\zeta$	1025.6948	2	-11	141	0.70	H $\epsilon$	1112.4978	6	16	189	0.84
Ca II K	1025.6948	2	-20	130	0.78	H $\zeta$	1112.4978	6	17	139	0.59
Ca II H	1025.6948	2	-20	94	0.73	Ca II K	1112.4978	6	35	104	0.47
Na I D2	1025.6948	2	-28	104	0.24	Na I D2	1112.4978	6	40	119	0.15
Na I D1	1025.6948	2	-29	89	0.16	Na I D1	1112.4978	6	29	132	0.10
Fe II 4924Å	1025.6948	2	-35	115	0.27	Fe II 4924Å	1112.4978	6	26	124	0.25
Fe II 5018Å	1025.6948	2	-29	117	0.34	Fe II 5018Å	1112.4978	6	22	114	0.26
Fe II 5169Å	1025.6948	2	-34	113	0.38	Fe II 5169Å	1112.4978	6	18	121	0.28
Ti II 4444Å	1025.6948	2	-44	84	0.05	Fe II 4046Å	1112.4978	6	39	100	0.03
Ti II 4572Å	1025.6948	2	-42	88	0.06	Ti II 4444Å	1112.4978	6	32	117	0.06
Sc II 4247Å	1025.6948	2	-42	69	0.03	Ti II 4572Å	1112.4978	6	38	139	0.08
H $\beta$	1025.6948	3	-88	82	0.65	Sc II 4247Å	1112.4978	6	36	137	0.07
H $\gamma$	1025.6948	3	-89	51	0.17	Ca II 4227Å	1112.4978	6	23	66	0.05
H $\delta$	1025.6948	3	-85	46	0.14	H $\beta$	1112.4978	7	-26	57	0.58
H $\zeta$	1025.6948	3	-68	58	0.14	H $\gamma$	1112.4978	7	-24	44	0.34
Ca II K	1025.6948	3	-94	40	0.17	H $\delta$	1112.4978	7	-21	37	0.23
Ca II H	1025.6948	3	-85	51	0.28	H $\zeta$	1112.4978	7	-16	40	0.15
Fe II 5018Å	1025.6948	3	-77	28	0.03	Ca II K	1112.4978	7	-34	33	0.53
Fe II 5169Å	1025.6948	3	-79	29	0.04	Ca II H	1112.4978	7	-25	43	0.90
Ca II K	1025.6948	0	1	16	0.27	Na I D2	1112.4978	7	-23	19	0.31
Ca II H	1025.6948	0	1	14	0.32	Na I D1	1112.4978	7	-22	18	0.18
Na I D2	1025.6948	0	-1	19	0.87	Fe II 4924Å	1112.4978	7	-22	24	0.18
Na I D1	1025.6948	0	-1	18	0.96	Fe II 5018Å	1112.4978	7	-22	24	0.24
Fe II 4924Å	1025.6948	0	1	23	0.15	Fe II 5169Å	1112.4978	7	-22	22	0.27
Fe II 5018Å	1025.6948	0	-0	20	0.15	Ti II 4444Å	1112.4978	7	-21	20	0.04
Fe II 5169Å	1025.6948	0	-1	23	0.18	Ti II 4572Å	1112.4978	7	-24	23	0.04
Ti II 4444Å	1025.6948	0	1	20	0.04	Ca II K	1112.4978	0	-2	30	0.48
Ti II 4572Å	1025.6948	0	1	28	0.03	Ca II H	1112.4978	0	2	20	0.61
Sc II 4247Å	1025.6948	0	2	22	0.02	Na I D2	1112.4978	0	1	19	0.92
H $\beta$	1026.7065	1	69	75	0.24	Na I D1	1112.4978	0	1	16	0.97
H $\gamma$	1026.7065	1	62	81	0.23	H $\beta$	1113.5483	5	92	53	0.08
H $\delta$	1026.7065	1	55	96	0.24	H $\gamma$	1113.5483	5	76	107	0.26
H $\epsilon$	1026.7065	1	65	59	0.10	H $\delta$	1113.5483	5	75	123	0.28
H $\zeta$	1026.7065	1	51	72	0.20	H $\zeta$	1113.5483	5	82	111	0.21
Ca II K	1026.7065	1	49	27	0.10	Ca II K	1113.5483	5	76	51	0.11
Fe II 4924Å	1026.7065	1	30	76	0.10	Fe II 4924Å	1113.5483	5	85	85	0.12
Fe II 5169Å	1026.7065	1	24	82	0.12	Fe II 5018Å	1113.5483	5	79	136	0.14
Ti II 4444Å	1026.7065	1	32	113	0.04	Fe II 5169Å	1113.5483	5	87	94	0.14
Ti II 4572Å	1026.7065	1	62	68	0.02	Ti II 4444Å	1113.5483	5	82	115	0.03
Sc II 4247Å	1026.7065	1	58	51	0.02	Ti II 4572Å	1113.5483	5	94	83	0.03
H $\beta$	1026.7065	2	-58	124	0.79	H $\beta$	1113.5483	7	-16	149	0.99
H $\gamma$	1026.7065	2	-48	117	0.78	H $\gamma$	1113.5483	7	-23	133	0.93
H $\delta$	1026.7065	2	-52	105	0.76	H $\delta$	1113.5483	7	-25	126	0.89
H $\epsilon$	1026.7065	2	-61	51	0.40	H $\epsilon$	1113.5483	7	1	133	0.51
H $\zeta$	1026.7065	2	-51	84	0.57	H $\zeta$	1113.5483	7	-19	117	0.73

**Table 9.** (Cont.)

Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$	Line	JD	Event	$v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$\Delta v$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$R_{\max}$
Ca II K	1113.5483	7	-18	107	0.71	Na I D2	1207.3786	0	-0	20	0.93
Ca II H	1113.5483	7	-22	83	0.81	Na I D1	1207.3786	0	0	18	1.00
Nai D2	1113.5483	7	-4	64	0.37	Fe II 4924Å	1207.3786	0	-2	26	0.17
Nai D1	1113.5483	7	-3	56	0.22	Fe II 5018Å	1207.3786	0	-2	26	0.19
Fe II 4924Å	1113.5483	7	-10	92	0.47	Fe II 5169Å	1207.3786	0	-4	37	0.33
Fe II 5018Å	1113.5483	7	-12	101	0.42	Sc II 4247Å	1207.3786	0	4	18	0.04
Fe II 5169Å	1113.5483	7	-11	90	0.60	Hy	1209.3844	8	109	54	0.09
Ti II 4444Å	1113.5483	7	-1	106	0.12	Hδ	1209.3844	8	102	76	0.12
Ti II 4572Å	1113.5483	7	-2	106	0.13	He	1209.3844	8	69	123	0.11
Ca II K	1113.5483	0	1	17	0.27	Hζ	1209.3844	8	84	96	0.11
Ca II H	1113.5483	0	1	14	0.33	Na I D2	1209.3844	8	42	104	0.15
Nai D2	1113.5483	0	1	20	0.69	Nai D1	1209.3844	8	55	81	0.12
Nai D1	1113.5483	0	1	18	0.85	Fe II 5018Å	1209.3844	8	36	145	0.20
Fe II 5018Å	1113.5483	0	-14	27	0.17	Fe II 5018Å	1209.3844	8	57	161	0.19
Hβ	1207.3786	8	141	120	0.16	Fe II 5169Å	1209.3844	8	53	152	0.17
Hy	1207.3786	8	121	115	0.18	Fe I 4046Å	1209.3844	8	44	88	0.04
Hδ	1207.3786	8	118	117	0.19	Ti II 4444Å	1209.3844	8	54	110	0.11
Hζ	1207.3786	8	108	129	0.17	Ti II 4572Å	1209.3844	8	55	100	0.09
Ca II K	1207.3786	8	151	58	0.06	Sc II 4247Å	1209.3844	8	49	117	0.11
Nai D2	1207.3786	8	43	117	0.16	Ca II 4227Å	1209.3844	8	37	128	0.07
Nai D1	1207.3786	8	59	159	0.10	Hβ	1209.3844	9	-24	124	0.92
Fe II 4924Å	1207.3786	8	87	149	0.17	Hy	1209.3844	9	-18	129	0.83
Fe II 5018Å	1207.3786	8	99	123	0.16	Hδ	1209.3844	9	-14	118	0.73
Fe II 5169Å	1207.3786	8	54	196	0.27	He	1209.3844	9	-7	50	0.32
Fe I 4046Å	1207.3786	8	61	188	0.04	Hζ	1209.3844	9	-14	104	0.49
Ti II 4444Å	1207.3786	8	46	205	0.10	Ca II K	1209.3844	9	-33	89	0.71
Ti II 4572Å	1207.3786	8	83	144	0.08	Ca II H	1209.3844	9	-32	74	0.77
Sc II 4247Å	1207.3786	8	61	144	0.10	Nai D2	1209.3844	9	-32	45	0.18
Ca II 4227Å	1207.3786	8	40	168	0.05	Nai D1	1209.3844	9	-32	25	0.09
Hβ	1207.3786	9	-13	128	0.90	Fe II 4924Å	1209.3844	9	-18	70	0.25
Hy	1207.3786	9	-9	132	0.84	Fe II 5018Å	1209.3844	9	-15	73	0.34
Hδ	1207.3786	9	-7	133	0.77	Fe II 5169Å	1209.3844	9	-19	78	0.40
He	1207.3786	9	2	72	0.53	Ti II 4444Å	1209.3844	9	-24	67	0.08
Hζ	1207.3786	9	-6	127	0.56	Ti II 4572Å	1209.3844	9	-19	64	0.09
Ca II K	1207.3786	9	-18	92	0.71	Sc II 4247Å	1209.3844	9	-20	39	0.05
Ca II H	1207.3786	9	-16	73	0.78	Ca II K	1209.3844	0	1	28	0.44
Nai D2	1207.3786	9	-23	40	0.06	Ca II H	1209.3844	0	2	27	0.62
Fe II 4924Å	1207.3786	9	-13	125	0.20	Nai D2	1209.3844	0	1	19	0.94
Fe II 5018Å	1207.3786	9	-4	111	0.28	Nai D1	1209.3844	0	1	19	1.03
Fe II 5169Å	1207.3786	9	-46	47	0.10	Fe II 4924Å	1209.3844	0	0	17	0.14
Ti II 4444Å	1207.3786	9	-21	44	0.01	Fe II 5018Å	1209.3844	0	0	17	0.16
Ti II 4572Å	1207.3786	9	-25	113	0.07	Fe II 5169Å	1209.3844	0	0	22	0.18
Ca II K	1207.3786	0	0	24	0.30	Ti II 4444Å	1209.3844	0	3	12	0.02
Ca II H	1207.3786	0	1	22	0.44	Ti II 4572Å	1209.3844	0	-2	7	0.01